

ALDERLEY EDGE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

England & Wales · Charity number 1006726

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [02659703](#)

Registered 1991-12-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE AND PROVIDE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINES AND PRINCIPLES OF BOTH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND TO ENSURE THAT RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION AND CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINES AND PRINCIPLES OF EACH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH AND THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FAITH IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUPILS.

Activities: An Independent day School for Pupils aged 2 to 18 years

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Cheshire East

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31		-	-	-
2024-08-31	£6,264,056	£6,216,235	£6,043,280	116
2023-08-31	£5,797,617	£5,611,193	£5,995,462	110
2022-08-31	£5,364,303	£5,763,410	£5,809,036	112
2021-08-31	£5,032,688	£5,229,240	£6,208,143	114
2020-08-31	£5,376,331	£5,500,408	£6,404,695	120
2019-08-31	£5,446,209	£5,524,800	£6,528,772	119

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caroline Lowe		2010-09-07
Dr Stephen Burley		2023-01-11
Jo Rostron		2014-01-16
MRS SHIRLEY HERRING		1999-09-01
Rita Price		2020-02-05

Accounts

Company number: 2659703
Charity number: 1006726

Alderley Edge School for Girls
(A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee)
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(CONSOLIDATED WITH AESG DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED)
For the year ended 31 August 2024

Alderley Edge School for Girls

For the year ended 31 August 2024

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

DIRECTORS, GOVERNORS & TRUSTEES

The present directors of the company, who are also charity trustees and school governors, and also any ex-directors who served during the year, are as follows:

Mr K R Lowe – Chair of Governors (resigned 18.09.24)
Mr G Bryant (resigned 27.03.25)
Mrs A S Herring
Mrs C Lowe – (appointed as Chair of Governors 18.09.24)
Mrs R Price
Mrs J Rostron
Mr C Wright (resigned 16.06.25)
Mr S Burley (resigned 01.08.25)

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Mrs M Rigby (resigned 31.08.25)

HEADMISTRESS

Mrs N Smillie (resigned 31.08.24)
Mrs C Wood (appointed 01.09.24)

The Headmistress and Director of Finance and Operations are considered to be the School's key management personnel.
Their remuneration is set annually by the Chair of Governors and Chair of the Finance Committee.

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SCHOOL INFORMATION *(continued)*

COMPANY NUMBER

2659703

CHARITY NUMBER

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REGISTERED OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT

The governors have pleasure in presenting their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2024 under the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, together with the audited financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, FRS102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

GOVERNORS' REPORT

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The school is a registered charity and was incorporated in 1991 as a company limited by guarantee, with the liability of its members limited to £1 each.

The Registered Charity number is 1006726 and Company number is 2659703.

The principal address / registered office is stated on page 3.

Governors

The governors, who are also directors of the company and trustees of the charity, are listed on page 1. Governors are appointed by the Board of Governors.

Key personnel and professional advisers

The key personnel and professional advisers of the School are listed on pages 3 & 4.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The School is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, last amended by special resolution on 10 February 2021, to reflect changes in the status of the Sisters of St Joseph.

Governor recruitment and training

Governors are generally appointed to fill a vacancy and to provide relevant skills, knowledge and experience as required by the Board. New governors are introduced to the workings of the School, the Company and Charity at an induction meeting arranged by the Chair of Governors, the Headmistress and the Director of Finance and Operations. Copies of appropriate documents are provided, as is on-going training for all governors.

All Governors are able to extend external training courses and are invited to attend School events.

Organisational management

The Governors, as Trustees of the Charity and Directors of the Company are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the School. The Governors determine the general policy of the school, and the day-to-day management of the school is delegated to the Headmistress and the Director of Finance and Operations. During the year the Governing Body moved away from separate committee meetings. The full Governing Board meets monthly, and each meeting has a focus area, covering Finance and Premises, Marketing and Curriculum.

Group structure and relationships

The School has a wholly owned non-charitable trading company subsidiary, A.E.S.G. Developments Limited. This trading subsidiary ran the School Uniform shop. The School Uniform shop ceased trading in December 2021. Uniform is sold by Monkhouse and commission is paid to AESG Developments. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated with those of the School.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

Mount Carmel and St Hilary's Schools merged with effect from September 1999 and became Alderley Edge School for Girls. St Hilary's School was part of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited and Mount Carmel was founded by The Sisters of St Joseph. The School's continued association with these two charitable organisations forms the basis of its ecumenical ethos.

The School is also an active member of the following:

I.S.C. The Independent Schools Council.

G.S.A. The Girls' School Association.

A.J.I.S. The Association of Junior Independent Schools.

I.S.A. The Independent Schools Association.

A.G.B.I.S. The Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools.

I.S.B.A. The Independent Schools' Bursars Association.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

STRATEGIC REPORT

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal activity during the year was the operation of an independent day school for girls.

On 24 February 2026, following extensive consideration, the Governors communicated a proposal to close Alderley Edge School for Girls at the end of the 2025/26 academic year, with the School closing to pupils on Tuesday 26 June 2026.

The proposal covered all areas of the School, from Nursery through to the Prep School, Senior School and Sixth Form.

Further information regarding the events that have arisen, subsequent to the year end are included within the Future Plans section below.

Motto: "Aspire to be More"

Vision Statement: "Aspire not to have more, but to be more" (Archbishop Oscar Romero)

AIMS OF THE SCHOOL DURING THE YEAR

Academic

To provide a challenging and stimulating learning environment in which every girl fulfils her full academic potential, and thus equipping girls with the knowledge, skills and learning attributes for success beyond AESG.

To deliver an innovative and future inspired curriculum embracing the use of technology, thus fostering intellectual curiosity, developing creativity and a passion for lifelong learning.

Enrichment

To offer an extensive enrichment programme to enable girls to develop leadership skills, foster collaboration and resourcefulness, grow in confidence and encourage resilience.

To provide a rich and stimulating school experience in and outside the classroom, where girls can explore and develop their interests and talents.

Spirituality

To welcome girls of all faiths who share our values, and to respect, celebrate and embrace diversity and equal opportunities without prejudice.

To present a supportive, open and inviting environment for girls to explore their spirituality, to encourage reflection, and develop a strong moral compass based on our Christian foundation and principles.

Girls

To create a supportive, nurturing and happy environment underpinned by proactive pastoral initiatives, putting the girls' wellbeing first.

To empower all our girls to flourish as strong women in the 21st Century workplace, to communicate with confidence, and take their place as responsible, active and global citizens bringing about positive change for a more sustainable and equitable future.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR

Notwithstanding the subsequent decision to close the School, 2023/24 was a year of significant educational achievement and continued investment in pupils. The School continued to develop systems and processes to strengthen pastoral care and operational effectiveness. Investment in staff training across safeguarding, health and safety, teaching and learning, and enrichment activities remained central to delivering the School's vision and strategic objectives.

Academic performance remained a particular strength. At GCSE, 30% of grades were awarded at grades 8-9, while 31% of A Level grades achieved A*-A and 52% were awarded at grades A*-B. Several departments achieved over 90% of grades at the highest levels. The School's value-added score remained within the top 7% of schools nationally, demonstrating the exceptional progress made by pupils relative to national benchmarks.

Beyond the classroom, staff continued to support an extensive programme of trips, visits and enrichment activities. Forest School provision was expanded for Prep pupils, whilst the #BeMore programme, chaplaincy activities and charitable initiatives continued to provide wider personal development opportunities. Pupil leadership remained at the heart of School life, evidenced through the launch of Student Committees in the Senior School and the Prep School's application for the Diana Award Anti-Bullying Programme.

The School also continued its commitment to digital innovation through its Apple Distinguished School status application and Regional Training Centre work, supporting both pupils and the wider community in the effective and safe use of technology.

Preparing pupils to head out into our world with a strong digital understanding has been the core of our work with IT systems, applying for the Apple Distinguished Schools Award for the third time alongside Regional Training Centre status, bringing in the community beyond AESG to learn how to use technology in their lives safely and with excellent outcomes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The group's net incoming resources for the year amounted to £47,821 (2023: £186,423).

Cash at bank and in hand increased from £1,208,853 in 2023 to £1,699,958 in 2024. During the year, the Governors continued to monitor cash, reserves and pupil number risk closely. As explained below and in Note 17, significant post balance sheet events arising after 31 August 2024 mean that the financial statements have been prepared on a break-up basis rather than on a going concern basis.

The group results for the year are detailed on page 17 of the full report.

Fundraising and Compliance

The School did not engage in any fundraising activities requiring disclosure under s162A of the Charities Act 2011.

Further details of the School's funds, including an analysis of the net assets across different categories of funds, are provided in Note 11.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

Endowed Funds

An Endowed Fund of £31,258 was previously held by St Hilary's School before its merger with Mount Carmel School and the subsequent formation of Alderley Edge School for Girls. The income from these funds is restricted in use, in accordance with the wishes of the original donors, primarily for the awarding of prizes and bursaries.

Unrestricted Funds

At 31 August 2024 unrestricted funds totalled £6,012,022. Following the post balance sheet developments described below, these funds and the expected realisation of the School's assets will be applied in managing the orderly wind-down of the School, settling liabilities and meeting the School's charitable obligations.

The Governors continue to monitor the level, availability and application of unrestricted funds in the context of the orderly wind-down and closure strategy.

Free Reserves

Free reserves, calculated as unrestricted reserves minus fixed assets, were £159,306 at 31 August 2024 (2023: negative £42,782). The previous reserves target of £250,000 is no longer an appropriate benchmark following the post balance sheet decision to pursue an orderly closure strategy.

The Governors continue to monitor liquidity and forecast cash requirements through the wind-down period.

Cash Balances

Cash balances at 31 August 2024 were £1,699,958 (2023: £1,208,854). Subsequent to the year end the Governors secured additional short-term funding to support the orderly closure and wind-down strategy, as described in Note 17.

Future Plans, Post Balance Sheet Developments & Basis of Preparation

Since the year ended 31 August 2024, the School has experienced further significant financial and operational pressures. These included continued pressure on pupil numbers and increasing operating costs, together with wider sector cost pressures affecting independent schools. The Governors undertook an extensive strategic review process to identify whether the School could be preserved as a viable going concern.

The strategic review included consideration of restructuring options, operational cost reductions, merger opportunities, strategic partnerships, refinancing options, the sale of the School as a going concern and third-party investment opportunities. External advisers were engaged to support a number of these processes, including two separate discreet marketing and sale processes and the strategic and financial review of options. A number of potential counterparties were approached and engaged with, but no viable transaction or refinancing solution capable of preserving the School on a sustainable basis, was ultimately deliverable within the required timeframe.

On 24 February 2026, following extensive consideration, the Governors communicated a proposal to close Alderley Edge School for Girls at the end of the 2025/26 academic year, with the School closing to pupils on Tuesday 26 June 2026. The proposal covered all areas of the School, from Nursery through to the Prep School, Senior School and Sixth Form. A formal staff consultation process was then undertaken.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

Following completion of the consultation process in April 2026, and in the absence of a viable alternative or rescue plan, the Governors concluded that the consultation discussions had been exhausted and that the orderly closure strategy remained the most appropriate course of action. The Governors therefore proceeded with implementation of the orderly wind-down plan, while continuing to monitor liquidity, funding and stakeholder obligations.

To support the orderly closure strategy, the Governors secured a committed secured bridging term loan facility. The facility provides funding of up to £2.5 million, with a term of nine months, and is secured by fixed and floating charges over the School's assets and properties. The purpose of the facility includes working capital, operating expenses, closure-related costs, professional fees and support for the implementation of the School's closure strategy. Repayment is due by 31 December 2026, and is expected to be achieved through the sale of assets, including the property, for which the school is in the process of marketing at the date of approval of these financial statements.

As the Governors, subsequent to 31 August 2024, but prior to the signing of these financial statements, no longer consider that the School will continue to trade as a going concern, these financial statements have not been prepared on a going concern basis. Instead, they have been prepared on a break-up basis. In preparing the financial statements on this basis, the Governors have assessed the carrying value of various assets by reference to estimated recoverable amounts and have assessed liabilities by reference to expected settlement amounts, taking account of the information available up to the date of approval of the financial statements.

The financial statements do not include provisions for future operating losses or for closure-related wind-up, redundancy, decommissioning or similar costs where no legal or constructive obligation existed at 31 August 2024. Such costs arise as a consequence of decisions, announcements and consultations completed after the balance sheet date and will be recognised in the period in which the relevant recognition criteria are met.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Alderley Edge School for Girls is committed to the aim of providing public benefit, and the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's published guidance on public benefit.

The School takes part in many activities that provide benefit to the local community. These activities range from making School facilities available to other local Schools, to pupils visiting local care homes, to inviting local residents to attend pupil music and drama performances. The full list of these activities is recorded in a register maintained by the School.

Scholarships and bursaries are offered at the discretion of the Governing Body, based on academic excellence, means testing for Bursary awards, and on the ongoing ability of the School to fund these awards.

The School awards means tested bursaries to pupils who would not otherwise be able to afford the school fees. The systems used to evaluate the means testing are reviewed continually and will continue to be developed as necessary.

During the year, the School awarded bursaries, scholarships and discounts totalling £611,794 (2023: £671,339). This figure includes means tested bursary awards.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Governing Body has ultimate responsibility for managing risk faced by the School.

The Governors continue to examine the principal areas of the school's operation and consider the major risks identified in each of these areas. The risk management process identifies risks, assesses their impact and likelihood and, where necessary, recommends controls to mitigate against them. These risks and controls are summarised in the School's risk register; each category of risk is overseen by a named Governor and member of SLT. The risks are monitored and the Risk Register is updated regularly and provided to the Board for review.

The School's key controls are:

- Formal agendas for all Board and Committee meetings, followed by minutes and actions required
- Regularly reviewed formal written policies
- Robust financial controls, including segregation of duties and authorisation and approval levels
- Robust safer recruitment processes
- Clear organisational structure and lines of reporting
- Comprehensive strategic planning, financial planning, management accounts and budgeting.

In light of the post balance sheet events described above, the principal risks now monitored by the Governors include liquidity, asset realisation, stakeholder communications, pupil transition, staff consultation and redundancy processes, compliance with legal and regulatory obligations, and the orderly settlement of liabilities. The Governors have secured additional funding, prepared wind-down forecasts and implemented enhanced governance and monitoring arrangements to manage these risks through the planned closure period.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The directors at the time when this Director's report is approved have confirmed that:

- so far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- they have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

Crowe U.K. LLP has expressed its willingness to be reappointed as statutory auditor.

This report, which incorporates the Strategic Report, was approved by the Board of Governors on 17 July 2026.



Mrs C Lowe
Chair of Governors

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STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

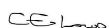
The governors are responsible for preparing the Governors' Report & Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the governors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law.

Under company law the governors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The governors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company and group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Mrs C Lowe
Chair of Governors

17 Jul 2026
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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Alderley Edge School for Girls

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Alderley Edge School for Girls for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Consolidated and School Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated and School Balance Sheets and the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter – Financial statements prepared on a basis other than going concern

We draw attention to the Accounting policies 'other than going concern - break up basis section within the financial statements which explains that the charitable company ceased to trade and the school closed on 26 June 2026 and therefore the directors do not consider it to be appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements. Accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern as described in the Basis of preparation. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Emphasis of matter in relation to the recoverable value of the building and settlement of liabilities

We draw attention to the Accounting policies 'other than going concern - break up basis'. The company is marketing a property for sale at a value which is in excess of the net book value. Furthermore the company took out a loan facility of £2.5m with a repayment date of 31 December 2026 which the directors expect to be repaid through the sale of the property. However, there is no firm sales contract in place and given the nature of the premises there may be great volatility over the actual amount realised and therefore the amount available to settle the liabilities. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

The Governors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit

- the information given in the Governors' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Governors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the charitable company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the Governors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Governors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

Responsibilities of Governors

As explained more fully in the Governors' responsibilities statement set out on page 10, the Governors (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Governors are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Governors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Details of the extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations are set out below.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charitable company and group operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, including financial reporting legislation and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), and local tax regulations. We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be necessary to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Governors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the group for fraud. We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management and the Finance Committee about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the Charity Commission, Independent Schools Inspectorate and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's Governors, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and Governors those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company, the charitable company's members as a body and the charitable company's Governors as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Kathryn Paul

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Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of

Crowe U.K. LLP

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20 Jul 2026

Alderley Edge School for Girls

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b			6,079,066	6,079,066	5,675,217
Other ancillary income	1c			34,083	34,083	41,822
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a			25,121	25,121	23,551
Other activities				47,295	47,295	32,894
Government grant income				22,545	22,545	11,615
Investments						
Investment income	6			55,946	55,946	12,518
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	-	-		6,264,056	6,264,056	5,797,617
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Trading costs of the subsidiary	3			1,081	1,081	770
Fundraising costs	3			3,905	3,905	4,047
Financing costs	3			2,972	2,972	3,720
		-	-	7,958	7,958	8,537
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs				3,979,586	3,979,586	3,662,717
Welfare				558,681	558,681	498,784
Premises				747,176	747,176	651,047
Support and governance				922,834	922,834	790,109
		-	-	6,208,277	6,208,277	5,602,657
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	-	-		6,216,235	6,216,235	5,611,194
Fund Balances						
At 1 September 2023		39,380	30,932	5,925,147	5,995,459	5,809,036
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources				47,821	47,821	186,423
Transfers between Funds		(39,380)	326	39,054	-	-
FUND BALANCES						
At 31 AUGUST 2024		-	31,258	6,012,022	6,043,280	5,995,459

The school has no recognised gains or losses other than its surplus for the year. All activities were operating during the year ended 31 August 2024. Subsequent post balance sheet events mean that the financial statements have been prepared on a break-up basis, as explained in the accounting policies and Note 17.

The notes on pages 28 to 45 form part of these accounts.

Alderley Edge School for Girls

COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b			6,079,066	6,079,066	5,675,217
Other ancillary income	1c			34,083	34,083	41,822
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a			21,837	21,837	20,011
Other activities				47,295	47,295	32,894
Government grant income	1d			22,545	22,545	11,615
Investments						
Investment income	6			55,946	55,946	12,518
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	-	-	-	6,260,772	6,260,772	5,794,077
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Fundraising costs	3			3,905	3,905	4,047
Financing costs	3			2,972	2,972	3,720
	-	-	-	6,877	6,877	7,767
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs				3,979,586	3,979,586	3,662,717
Welfare				558,681	558,681	498,784
Premises				747,176	747,176	651,047
Support and governance				922,834	922,834	790,109
	-	-	-	6,208,277	6,208,277	5,602,657
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	-	-	-	6,215,154	6,215,154	5,610,424
Fund Balances						
At 1 September 2023		39,380	30,932	5,935,833	6,006,145	5,822,492
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		-	-	45,618	45,618	183,653
Transfers between Funds		(39,380)	326	39,054	-	-
FUND BALANCES						
At 31 AUGUST 2024		-	31,258	6,020,505	6,051,763	6,006,145

The school has no recognised gains or losses other than its net result for the year. All activities were operating during the year ended 31 August 2024. Subsequent post balance sheet events mean that the financial statements have been prepared on a break-up basis, as explained in the accounting policies and Note 17.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

31 August 2024

Company Registration No: 2659703

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	7		5,852,715		5,967,932
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock – Finished goods		4,061		4,855	
Debtors	9	140,967		173,850	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,699,958		1,208,853	
		<u>1,844,986</u>		<u>1,387,558</u>	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year					
	10	(1,654,421)		(1,360,028)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)			<u>190,565</u>		<u>27,530</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>6,043,280</u>		<u>5,995,462</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u><u>6,043,280</u></u>		<u><u>5,995,462</u></u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	11a		6,012,022		5,925,150
Restricted funds	11b		-		39,380
Endowed funds	11c		31,258		30,932
			<u>6,043,280</u>		<u>5,995,462</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Governors on 17 July 2026.

C E Lowe

Mrs C Lowe
Chair of Governors

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Alderley Edge School for Girls

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

31 August 2024

Company Registration No: 2659703

	Note	£	2024	£	£	2023	£
FIXED ASSETS							
Tangible fixed assets	7			5,852,715			5,967,932
CURRENT ASSETS							
Stocks – Finished Goods			4,061			4,855	
Debtors	9		152,034			184,147	
Cash at bank and in hand			1,696,249			1,206,727	
			<u>1,852,344</u>			<u>1,395,729</u>	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year							
	10		(1,653,296)			(1,357,515)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)				<u>199,048</u>			<u>38,214</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				<u>6,051,763</u>			<u>6,006,146</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS				<u><u>6,051,763</u></u>			<u><u>6,006,146</u></u>
Unrestricted funds:							
General funds	11a			6,020,505			5,935,834
Restricted funds	11b			-			39,380
Endowed funds	11c			31,258			30,932
				<u>6,051,763</u>			<u>6,006,146</u>

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CONSOLIDATED CASHFLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
NET CASH (INFLOW) FROM OPERATIONS	a	581,719	727,143
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received		55,946	12,518
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(146,559)	(146,196)
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(90,613)	(133,678)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR		491,106	593,465
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT START OF THE PERIOD		1,208,853	615,388
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	b	1,699,959	1,208,853

a) Reconciliation of net (outgoing) resources to net cash outflow from operating activities:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net incomings/(outgoings)	47,821	186,423
Depreciation	261,776	248,814
Interest receivable	(55,946)	(12,518)
(Increase)/decrease in stock	794	5,192
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	32,883	7,200
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	294,391	292,032
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	581,719	727,143

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CONSOLIDATED CASHFLOW STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

for the year ended 31 August 2024

b) Analysis of changes in net cash resources

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at Bank	1,699,959	1,208,853
	<u>1,699,959</u>	<u>1,208,853</u>
	<u><u>1,699,959</u></u>	<u><u>1,208,853</u></u>

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

for the year ended 31 August 2024

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) applicable to accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. Alderley Edge School for Girls is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102.

The functional currency of the School is considered to be GBP because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the School operates.

The financial statements have not been prepared on a going concern basis. Following the year end and before the financial statements were approved, the Governors concluded that the School is no longer financially sustainable as a continuing educational operation and confirmed an orderly closure strategy following the Summer Term 2026. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a break-up basis. Please refer to page 27 for further details.

The School is a Public Benefit Entity registered as a charity in England and Wales, and a company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 1st November 1991 (company number: 2659703) and registered as a charity on 6th December 1991 (charity number: 1006726). Details of the School's registered office can be found on page 4.

BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The accounts have been consolidated on a line by line basis to include the School's wholly owned non-charitable trading company subsidiary, A.E.S.G. Developments Limited.

The School has not taken advantage of the exemption available to a qualifying entity in FRS 102 from the requirement to present a charity only Cash Flow Statement with the consolidated financial statements.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided in order to write off each asset, less its estimated residual value, over their useful lives at the following rates:

Buildings	2%	straight line
Building improvements	2%	straight line
Plant and equipment	20%	straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20%	straight line
Computer equipment	20% - 33 ¹ / ₃ %	straight line

Capital items costing less than £250 are written off as an expense as acquired.

STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

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LEASES

Where assets are financed by leasing agreements that give rights approximating to ownership ("finance lease"), the assets are treated as if they had been purchased outright. The amount capitalised is the present value of the minimum lease payments payable during the lease term. The corresponding leasing commitments are shown as obligations to the lessor.

Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements, and the interest is charged to the profit and loss account in proportion to the remaining balance outstanding. All other leases are "operating leases" and the annual rentals are charged to profit and loss on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

INCOME

Income from School Fees represents fees earned in respect of tuition given during the year. Fees received in respect of tuition to be given after the year end are included in creditors as fees received in advance. Fees receivable are stated after deducting bursaries and scholarships granted by the school.

Scholarships and bursaries are awarded at the discretion of the Governing Body, based on academic excellence in the case of Scholarship awards, and are means tested for Bursary awards.

Other income, including legacies and donations, is accounted for as and when entitlement arises, the amount can be reliably quantified and the economic benefit to the School is considered probable. Legacies received in the form of property are credited at the lower of probate and market value.

Income from government grants is recognised when there is entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Where entitlements occur before income is received, the income is accrued. Where income is received in advance of there being entitlement to the funds the income is deferred.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities. Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds. Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the objects of the School and include both direct costs and support costs relating to this activity. Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the School and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

PROVISIONS AND CLOSURE-RELATED COSTS

Provisions are recognised only where the School has a present legal or constructive obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount can be estimated reliably. The financial statements do not include provisions for future operating losses or for closure-related redundancy, wind-up, decommissioning, professional or similar costs where the obligation arose after 31 August 2024. Such costs will be recognised in the period in which the relevant obligation arises and the recognition criteria are met.

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TAXATION

The School is an exempt charity and benefits by being exempt from corporation tax on income it receives from tuition fees, interest and rents.

The School is exempt from levying VAT on services it provides to pupils. For this reason, the School is generally unable to recover input VAT it suffers on goods and services purchased, which is therefore included in the cost of these goods and services.

The subsidiary, AESG Developments Ltd, is de-registered for VAT when it ceased trading in 2021.

SCHOOL TRIPS

The School collects monies in respect of trips and pays these monies out in full. As these funds do not represent income for the School, they are not accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities.

PENSION SCHEME

The School contributes to the Teachers' Pension Defined Benefit Scheme at rates set by the Scheme Actuary and advised to the School by the Scheme Administrator. The Scheme is a multi-employer pension scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the Scheme which are attributable to the School. In accordance with FRS 102 the Scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme and contributions are accounted for when advised as due by the scheme Administrator.

The School also contributes to a group personal pension scheme for non-teaching staff. All non-teaching staff are eligible to take part.

This scheme is currently with Scottish Widows and is a defined contribution scheme.

The School used to contribute to the Pensions Trust Growth Plan for many of the non-teaching staff. This is in most respects a money purchase arrangement, but does include certain guaranteed benefit elements.

The Plan is a multi-employer scheme as it is not possible in the normal course of events to identify the share of the underlying assets belonging to the individual participating employers and accordingly, in accordance with FRS 102, is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme with contributions being recorded as they become payable.

DONATIONS

Donations received for the general purposes of the school are credited to "other unrestricted funds". Donations subject to specific wishes of the donors are carried to relevant restricted funds.

FUND ACCOUNTING

The School has various types of funds for which it is responsible and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

Unrestricted funds	Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Governors in furtherance of the objects of the School. In addition to expenditure on tuition, such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.
Restricted funds	Donations or legacies received which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the School.
Designated funds	The School may at its discretion set aside funds for specific purposes which would otherwise form part of the general reserves of the School.

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Endowment funds

Endowments funds are funds for which the Governors must maintain the capital element but the incoming resources derived from the underlying endowment fund assets can be spent.

INVESTMENTS

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost with the exception of investments which are held at fair value. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. A specific provision is made for debts for which recoverability is in doubt. Cash at bank and in hand is defined as all cash held in instant access bank accounts and used as working capital. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise all creditors except social security and other taxes and provisions.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the accounting policies, Trustees are required to make judgement, estimates, and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affected current and future periods.

In preparing these financial statements, the Governors have made the following significant judgements and estimates:

Basis of preparation: The Governors have concluded that the financial statements should not be prepared on a going concern basis because, before approval of the financial statements, the Governors confirmed an orderly closure strategy following the Summer Term 2026. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a break-up basis.

Recoverable amount of tangible fixed assets: The carrying value of tangible fixed assets has been assessed by reference to estimated recoverable amounts, expected disposal routes, property valuation information and the expected orderly wind-down process. The actual amount realised may differ from current estimates because it will depend on market conditions, timing of disposals, transaction costs, planning or title matters and purchaser demand. Given the nature of the premises there may be great volatility over the actual amount realised as a result of the sale of these premises.

Recoverability of debtors: The Governors have assessed fee debtors and other debtor balances by reference to expected recoverability on a break-up basis. The actual amounts recovered may differ from the provision recognised, particularly as the School proceeds through closure and wind-down.

Liabilities and closure-related costs: The Governors have considered which liabilities existed at 31 August 2024 and which obligations arose only as a consequence of post-year-end decisions, announcements and consultations. Future operating losses and closure-related redundancy, wind-up, decommissioning and similar costs have not been recognised at 31 August 2024 unless the recognition criteria for a liability or provision were met at that date.

Contingent liabilities: The Governors have considered the existing contingent liability in relation to the Woodard Schools legal mortgage and whether the post-year-end closure strategy affects the likelihood, timing or classification of any amount payable.

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BASIS OF PREPARATION OTHER THAN GOING CONCERN - BREAK-UP BASIS

Since 31 August 2024, there have been significant developments in relation to the future of the School. Following the year end, the Governors undertook a strategic review process to assess the School's future viability. This process included operational restructuring, cost reduction measures, exploration of merger and partnership opportunities, engagement with potential purchasers and investors, consideration of refinancing options and assessment of an orderly closure strategy. External advisers were engaged to assist the Governors in reviewing the options available.

On 24 February 2026, the Governors announced a proposal to close Alderley Edge School for Girls at the end of the 2025/26 academic year. The proposal included all aspects and activities of the School, from Nursery through to the Prep School, Senior School and Sixth Form. A formal staff consultation process was commenced following the announcement.

In April 2026, following completion of the consultation process, the Governors concluded that no viable alternative or rescue plan had been presented and that the consultation discussions had been exhausted. The intention therefore remains to close the School at the end of the 2025/26 academic year and to implement an orderly wind-down process. Notices have been served or arranged for relevant staff in accordance with the applicable employment processes, and decommissioning and wind-down planning is ongoing.

To support the orderly closure and wind-down strategy, the Governors secured a committed secured bridging term loan facility. The facility is secured by fixed and floating charges over the School's assets and properties, including legal charges over property assets and charges over bank accounts, insurance proceeds, book debts, investments and substantially all other assets. The purpose of the facility includes working capital, operating expenses, closure-related costs, professional fees and support for the implementation of the closure strategy. Repayment is due by 31 December 2026, and is expected to be achieved through the sale of assets, including the property, for which the school is in the process of marketing at the date of approval of these financial statements.

The Governors have considered the impact of these post balance sheet events on the basis of preparation of the financial statements. As the Governors no longer consider that the School will continue to trade as a going concern, the financial statements have been prepared on a break-up basis rather than a going concern basis. The Governors have assessed the carrying value of various assets by reference to estimated recoverable amounts and have assessed liabilities by reference to expected settlement amounts.

The governors have reviewed the carrying value of the fixed assets. A valuation has been obtained in respect of the freehold premises which is in excess of the current carrying value and the property is currently being marketed, therefore the carrying value has not been reduced.

However given the nature of the premises, there may be great volatility over the actual amount realised as a result of the sale of these premises. Other fixed assets are unlikely to realise any significant value and will be fully depreciated in the financial year to 31 August 2025.

On completion of the sale of the property, a liability amounting to £1.08m will crystallise to the former owners of the site.

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The closure decision and associated redundancy, wind-up, decommissioning and similar costs arose after 31 August 2024. The financial statements therefore do not include provisions for those costs where no present legal or constructive obligation existed at the balance sheet date. Such costs will be recognised in subsequent accounting periods when the relevant recognition criteria are met.

The Governors have considered the financial effect of the post balance sheet events. Other than any adjustments made in preparing the financial statements on a break-up basis, the full financial effect cannot be estimated with sufficient reliability at the date of approval because it depends on the timing and value of asset disposals, debtor recoveries, closure costs and the final settlement of liabilities.

1a ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Consolidated		School	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Fundraising	5,824	4,586	5,824	4,586
Trading income	3,284	3,540	-	-
Hire of School premises	16,013	15,425	16,013	15,425
	<u>25,121</u>	<u>23,551</u>	<u>21,837</u>	<u>20,011</u>

1b SCHOOL FEES

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees receivables consist of:		
Gross fees	6,690,860	6,346,556
Less: Bursaries, grants and allowances	(611,794)	(671,339)
	<u>6,079,066</u>	<u>5,675,217</u>

Scholarships, bursaries and other allowances were paid to 184 pupils (2023: 244). Within this means-tested bursaries totalling £317,873 were paid to 34 pupils (2023: £369,320 to 45 pupils).

Nursery grants of £12,143 (2023: £20,485) were received from the government and paid out to parents.

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1c OTHER ANCILLARY INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
Catering receipts	11,967	14,110
Other ancillary income	22,116	27,712
	<u>34,083</u>	<u>41,822</u>

Catering receipts are monies received from staff lunches and other ad hoc catering supplies to staff and pupils.

1d GOVERNMENT GRANT INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
Other grants receivable (EHCP Funding)	22,545	11,615
	<u>22,545</u>	<u>11,615</u>

2 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2024 £	2023 £
Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:		
Charitable expenditure includes:		
Depreciation	261,776	248,814
Operating leases/rentals	18,543	10,200
	<u></u>	<u></u>
Governance costs include:		
Auditors' remuneration	19,838	12,430
	<u></u>	<u></u>
Staff costs comprise:		
Wages and salaries	3,376,205	3,153,165
Social security costs	325,573	306,556
Pension costs	612,909	551,130
	<u>4,314,687</u>	<u>4,010,851</u>
	<u></u>	<u></u>
Aggregate employee – benefits of key management personnel	<u>248,380</u>	<u>223,316</u>

Wages and Salaries includes 2 settlement agreements and 5 redundancy payments, totalling £104,118.

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The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 No	2023 No
Teaching staff	61	61
Premises and grounds	3	4
Administration	20	17
Other	32	28
	116	110

The average numbers employed by the school during the year calculated on a full-time equivalent basis was:

	2024 No	2023 No
Teaching staff	49	51
Premises and grounds	3	4
Administration	16	11
Other	13	24
	81	90

Neither the governors nor persons connected with them received any remuneration, other than travel expenses in line with the School's Governors expense policy. During the year, £92 was reimbursed to 1 governor in respect of mileage expenses.

	2024 No	2023 No
The number of employees whose income exceeded £60,000 was:		
£100,001 to £110,000	1	-
£90,001 to £100,000	-	1
£80,001 to £90,000	-	-
£70,001 to £80,000	2	1
£60,001 to £70,000	-	1

Included in the above higher paid employees was 2 employees (2022: 2) accruing pension benefits under a defined benefit scheme and 1 employee (2022: 1) accruing benefits under a defined contribution pension scheme. The aggregate employer pension contributions for the year were £31,226 (2023: £27,017).

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3 ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff Costs £	Other £	Depreciation £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS					
Trading costs of the subsidiary	-	1,081	-	1,081	770
Fundraising costs	-	3,905	-	3,905	4,047
Financing costs		2,972	-	2,972	3,720
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,958</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,958</u>	<u>8,537</u>
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES – SCHOOL OPERATING COSTS					
Teaching costs	3,598,330	323,607	57,649	3,979,586	3,662,717
Welfare	57,614	491,968	9,099	558,681	498,784
Premises	170,944	413,854	162,378	747,176	651,047
Support and governance	439,930	450,255	32,649	922,834	790,109
	<u>4,266,818</u>	<u>1,679,684</u>	<u>261,775</u>	<u>6,208,277</u>	<u>5,602,657</u>
TOTAL	<u>4,266,818</u>	<u>1,687,642</u>	<u>261,775</u>	<u>6,216,235</u>	<u>5,611,194</u>

Support and governance costs may be split as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff Costs	519,999	471,394
Marketing	65,378	52,654
Recruitment and Training	28,108	30,154
Legal, Professional and other Fees	71,666	32,132
Depreciation	32,649	16,526
Stationery, postage and telephone	42,139	41,532
Insurances	31,239	29,378
Bad Debt Written Off	54,371	36,528
Computing Costs	26,121	36,705
Sundry other Costs	31,326	30,675
Audit and Accountancy	19,838	12,430
TOTAL	<u>922,834</u>	<u>790,108</u>

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4 FINANCING COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank charges	2,972	3,720
	<u>2,972</u>	<u>3,720</u>

5 TAXATION

As the school is a registered charity, no provision is required for corporation tax.

6 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank interest receivable	55,946	12,518
	<u>55,946</u>	<u>12,518</u>

7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The governors have reviewed the carrying value of the fixed assets. A valuation has been obtained in respect of the freehold premises which is in excess of the current carrying value and the property is currently being marketed, therefore the carrying value has not been reduced. Other fixed assets are unlikely to realise any significant value and will be fully depreciated in the financial year to 31 August 2025.

Consolidated and School	Freehold land & buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures, fittings & computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 September 2023	7,733,757	417,716	1,605,222	9,756,695
Additions	53,789	25,902	66,869	146,560
Disposals		(40,551)	(632,828)	(673,379)
As at 31 August 2024	<u>7,787,546</u>	<u>403,067</u>	<u>1,039,263</u>	<u>9,229,876</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 September 2023	2,050,611	367,577	1,370,576	3,788,764
Charge for the year	155,864	19,246	86,666	261,776
Disposals		(40,551)	(632,828)	(673,379)
As at 31 August 2024	<u>2,206,475</u>	<u>346,272</u>	<u>824,414</u>	<u>3,377,161</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 August 2024	<u>5,581,073</u>	<u>56,794</u>	<u>214,848</u>	<u>5,852,715</u>
As at 31 August 2023	<u>5,683,148</u>	<u>50,139</u>	<u>234,646</u>	<u>5,967,933</u>

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8 AESG DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

AESG Developments Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alderley Edge School for Girls, and whose company number is 05213539. The company is registered in England. AESG Developments no longer sells uniform, uniform is now sold by a third party, commission will continue to be paid to AESG Developments.

Any taxable profit is transferred as gift aid to Alderley Edge School for Girls. Summaries of the trading results and balance sheet are shown below. Accounts will be filed with the Registrar of Companies.

i) Profit and Loss account for the period to 31 August 2024	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover	3,284	3,540
Cost of sales	-	-
Gross profit	3,284	3,540
Administrative expenses	(955)	(44)
Operating (loss) / surplus	2,329	3,496
Interest payable and similar charges	(126)	(726)
Profit / (Loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	2,203	2,770
Gift aid payment to AESG	-	-
Retained (loss) / surplus	2,203	2,770

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ii) Balance Sheet at 31 August 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Stock	-	-
Debtors	2,426	3,070
Bank and cash	3,709	2,127
Net current assets	6,135	5,197
Creditors	(14,615)	(15,880)
Net current liabilities	(8,480)	(10,683)
Net liabilities	(8,480)	(10,683)
Share capital	1	1
Retained profits	(8,480)	(10,683)
	(8,479)	(10,682)

9 DEBTORS

	Consolidated		School	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Fee debtors	252,520	141,508	252,519	141,509
Less: Bad debt provision	(171,701)	(117,330)	(171,701)	(117,330)
	80,819	24,178	80,819	24,179
Prepayments and accrued income	60,148	149,671	57,723	146,601
Amounts owed by AESG Developments Limited	-	-	13,493	13,367
	140,967	173,849	152,034	184,147

Amounts owed by AESG Developments Limited are repayable when cash surpluses allow, or on demand. Interest on the balance outstanding is charged at base rate.

The Governors have assessed the recoverability of fee debtors, amounts owed by AESG Developments Limited and other debtor balances on a break-up basis. The bad debt provision has been reviewed by reference to expected recoverable amounts and the expected closure and wind-down process.

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10 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	Consolidated		School	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade Creditors	142,277	331,145	141,152	328,632
Accruals and deferred income	117,799	33,807	117,799	33,807
Other creditors	1,276,182	920,178	1,276,182	920,178
Other taxes and social security costs	118,163	74,898	118,163	74,898
	<u>1,654,421</u>	<u>1,360,028</u>	<u>1,653,296</u>	<u>1,357,515</u>

Other creditors include fees paid in advance of £977,208 and refundable deposits of £156,400.

Deferred Income transactions are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred Income as at 1 September 2023	-	-
Released from Prior Year	-	-
Deferred in the Year	<u>44,938</u>	=
Deferred Income as at 31 August 2024	<u>44,938</u>	=

Deferred Income comprises of a donation from the Pre-loved uniform shop and income received in advance for the School bus transport.

The Governors have reviewed liabilities recognised at 31 August 2024 on a break-up basis. The financial statements do not include provisions for future operating losses or for closure-related redundancy, wind-up, decommissioning or similar costs where no present legal or constructive obligation existed at the balance sheet date. Such costs will be recognised in subsequent periods when the relevant recognition criteria are met.

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11 ALLOCATION OF THE CHARITY NET ASSETS

Consolidated	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2024 £
The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:			
Unrestricted funds (11a)	5,852,715	159,306	6,012,022
Restricted funds (11b)	-	-	-
Endowed funds (11c)	-	31,258	31,258
	<u>5,852,715</u>	<u>190,564</u>	<u>6,043,280</u>
School	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets £	Total 2024 £
Unrestricted funds (11a)	5,852,715	167,789	6,020,505
Restricted funds (11b)	-	-	-
Endowed funds (11c)	-	31,258	31,258
	<u>5,852,715</u>	<u>199,047</u>	<u>6,051,763</u>
Consolidated	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2023 £
The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:			
Unrestricted funds (11a)	5,897,620	27,530	5,925,150
Designated funds (11b)	-	-	-
Restricted funds (11c)	39,380	-	39,380
Endowed funds (11d)	30,932	-	30,932
	<u>5,967,932</u>	<u>27,530</u>	<u>5,995,462</u>

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11 ALLOCATION OF THE CHARITY NET ASSETS Continued

School	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets £	2023 Total £
Unrestricted funds (11a)	5,897,620	38,214	5,935,834
Restricted funds (11b)	39,380		39,380
Endowed funds (11c)	30,932		30,932
	<u>5,967,932</u>	<u>38,214</u>	<u>6,006,146</u>

11a UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Consolidated		School	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Balance brought forward 1 September 2023	5,925,147	5,739,058	5,935,833	5,752,514
Net movement on fund	47,821	186,423	45,618	183,653
Transfer from restricted funds	39,380	-	39,380	-
Transfer from designated funds	-	-	-	-
Transfer to endowed funds	(326)	(334)	(326)	(334)
Balance carried forward 31 August 2024	<u>6,012,022</u>	<u>5,925,147</u>	<u>6,020,505</u>	<u>5,935,833</u>

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11b RESTRICTED FUNDS

Consolidated and School

	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers between funds	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Millennium appeal	10,344	-	-	-10,344	-
Merger balances	9,404	-	-	-9,404	-
Bursary Fund	19,632	-	-	-19,632	-
	<u>39,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-39,380</u>	<u>-</u>

	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers between funds	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Millennium appeal	10,344	-	-	-	10,344
Merger balances	9,404	-	-	-	9,404
Bursary Fund	19,632	-	-	-	19,632
	<u>39,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,380</u>

The Millennium appeal was a fund-raising project to raise funds for major capital expenditure, which has now been transferred to unrestricted funds.

Merger balances were remaining from when St Hilary's School merged with mount Carmel School in 1999 to form Alderley Edge School for Girls, these have now been transferred to unrestricted funds.

The Bursary Fund aims to provide means tested bursary assistance to families who cannot meet the full School fees. Bursaries are paid from unrestricted funds and therefore this has now been transferred to unrestricted funds and are fully expended as at 31 August 2024.

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11c ENDOWED FUNDS

Consolidated and School

At 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 August 2024 £
30,932	-	-	326	31,258
At 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 August 2023 £
30,598	-	-	334	30,932

These funds represent Endowed Funds previously held by St Hilary's School before its merger with Mount Carmel School and the subsequent formation of Alderley Edge School for Girls.

The permitted use of the income from these funds is in accordance with the wishes of the original donors, being mainly the awarding of prizes and bursaries.

12 OTHER OPERATING CHARGES

At 31 August 2024 the future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	27,322	10,200
Within two to five years	83,119	41,616
Over five years	638,702	649,106
	<u>749,143</u>	<u>700,922</u>

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13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Financial assets measured at amortised cost (a)	1,779,459	1,478,054
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost (b)	1,643,823	1,359,378
Net financial assets measured at amortised cost	<u>135,636</u>	<u>118,676</u>

The amount of stocks recognised in the SOFA is £0 (2023: £0)

(a) Financial assets include cash, fee debtors, other debtors and accrued income

(b) Financial liabilities include accruals, trade creditors and other creditors

Impairment losses charged to financial assets measured at amortised cost in the year amounted to £68,406 (2023 £41,285). Impairment losses arise from bad debt provision.

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14 PENSION SCHEMES

Teachers' Pensions

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £556,299 (2023: 504,734) and at the year end £216 (2023 — £0) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at March 2020 and the Valuation Report, which was published in October 2023.

Following the McCloud judgement, the remedy proposed that when benefits become payable, eligible members can select to receive them from either the reformed or legacy schemes for the period 1 April 2015 to March 2022. The actuaries have assumed that members are likely choose the option that provides them with the greater benefits, and preparing the 2020 valuation have valued the 'greater value' benefits for groups of relevant members.

The valuation confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 23.6% to 28.6% from 1 April 2024. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 28.68%.

Support Staff Pensions

The School participates in a pension Scheme for support staff with Scottish Widows. Alderley Edge School for Girls paid contributions at the rate of 6% and totalling £56,419 (2023 £46,618) during the accounting period. Members paid contributions at a minimum rate of 3%. As at the balance sheet date there were 49 active members of the Scottish Widows scheme employed by Alderley Edge School for Girls.

Pension costs for both schemes are met from unrestricted funds.

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15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Mount Carmel and St Hilary's Schools merged with effect from September 1999 and became Alderley Edge School for Girls. St Hilary's School was part of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited and Mount Carmel was founded by The Sisters of St Joseph. Certain loans have been made to the merged School by these organisations to assist with the merger, as disclosed in notes 10, 11 and 12. These loans, as of October 2020, have been paid in full. The Sisters of St Joseph nominate a governor to the Board – this is currently Mrs R. Price. Rent of £10,404 per annum is also paid to The Sisters for use of tennis courts at Ryleys Lane. Woodard Schools also nominate a governor to the Board – this was Mr C Wright.

16 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During the year ended 31 August 2001, the School entered into a legal charge in favour of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited.

Under the terms of the charge, Woodard is entitled, upon the dissolution or winding up of the School, to receive an amount equal to 18% of the surplus assets remaining after settlement of all debts, liabilities and the costs of dissolution.

Following the post-year-end decision to pursue an orderly closure and wind-down strategy, the Governors have reviewed the disclosure of this contingent liability. At 31 August 2024 no winding-up had occurred and no provision has been recognised in these financial statements.

17 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since 31 August 2024, there have been significant developments in relation to the future of the school.

Following the year end, the Governors undertook a strategic review process to assess the School's future viability. This process included operational restructuring, cost reduction measures, exploration of merger and partnership opportunities, engagement with potential purchasers and investors, consideration of refinancing options and assessment of an orderly closure strategy. External advisers were engaged to assist the Governors in reviewing the options available. Despite these efforts, no viable long-term solution was identified which would enable the School to continue operating on a sustainable basis.

On 24 February 2026, the Governors announced a proposal to close Alderley Edge School for Girls at the end of the 2025/26 academic year, with the School closing to pupils on Tuesday 26 June 2026. The proposal included all aspects and activities of the School, from Nursery through to the Prep School, Senior School and Sixth Form. A formal staff consultation process was commenced following the announcement.

In April 2026, following completion of the consultation process, and after exploring further options arising post announcement of the closure, the Governors concluded that no viable alternative or rescue plan had been presented and that the consultation discussions had been exhausted. The School subsequently closed at the end of the 2025/26 academic year and an orderly wind-down process is in progress. Notices have been served or arranged for relevant staff in accordance with the applicable employment processes, and decommissioning and wind-down planning is ongoing.

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To support the orderly closure and wind-down strategy, the Governors secured a committed secured bridging term loan facility. The facility provides funding of up to £2.5 million, the facility is secured by fixed and floating charges over the School's assets and properties, including legal charges over property assets and charges over bank accounts, insurance proceeds, book debts, investments and substantially all other assets. The purpose of the facility includes working capital, operating expenses, closure-related costs, professional fees and support for the implementation of the closure strategy. Repayment is expected to be achieved through asset disposals.

The closure decision and associated redundancy, wind-up, decommissioning and similar costs arose after 31 August 2024. The financial statements therefore do not include provisions for those costs where no present legal or constructive obligation existed at the balance sheet date. Such costs will be recognised in subsequent accounting periods when the relevant recognition criteria are met.

The Governors have considered the financial effect of the post balance sheet events. Other than any adjustments made in preparing the financial statements on a break-up basis, the full financial effect cannot be estimated with sufficient reliability at the date of approval because it depends on the timing and value of asset disposals, debtor recoveries, closure costs and the final settlement of liabilities.

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18 CONSOLIDATED SOFA – COMPARATIVE FIGURES BY FUND TYPE

		Restricted	Endowed	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Note	Funds £	Funds £	Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities				6,079,066	6,079,066	5,675,217
School fees	1b	-	-	34,083	34,083	41,822
Other ancillary income	1c	-	-			
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a	-	-	25,121	25,121	23,551
Other activities			-	47,295	47,295	32,894
Government Grant Income				22,545	22,545	11,615
Investments						
Investment income	6	-	-	55,946	55,946	12,518
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		-	-	6,264,056	6,264,056	5,797,617
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Trading costs of the subsidiary	8	-	-	1,081	1,081	770
Fundraising costs		-	-	3,905	3,905	4,047
Financing costs	4	-	-	2,972	2,972	3,720
	3	-	-	7,958	7,958	8,537
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs		-	-	3,979,586	3,979,586	3,662,717
Welfare		-	-	558,681	558,681	498,784
Premises		-	-	747,176	747,176	651,047
Support and governance		-	-	922,834	922,834	790,108
	3	-	-	6,208,277	6,208,277	5,602,656
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		-	-	6,216,235	6,216,235	5,611,193
NET INCOMING RESOURCES				47,821	47,821	186,423
Transfers between funds		-39,380	326	39,054	-	-
Fund balances						
At 1 September 2023		39,380	30,932	5,925,147	5,995,459	5,809,036
FUND BALANCES		-	31,258	6,012,022	6,043,280	5,995,459
At 31 AUGUST 2024						

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18 COMPANY SOFA – COMPARATIVE FIGURES BY FUND TYPE

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b	-	-	6,079,066	6,079,066	5,675,217
Other ancillary income	1c	-	-	34,083	34,083	41,822
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a	-	-	21,837	21,837	20,011
Other activities		-	-	47,295	47,295	32,894
Government Grants		-	-	22,545	22,545	11,615
Investments						
Investment income	6	-	-	55,946	55,946	12,518
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		-	-	6,260,772	6,260,772	5,794,077
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Fundraising costs		-	-	3,905	3,905	4,047
Financing costs						
	4	-	-	2,972	2,972	3,720
	3	-	-	6,877	6,877	7,767
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs		-	-	3,979,586	3,979,586	3,662,717
Welfare		-	-	558,681	558,681	498,784
Premises		-	-	747,176	747,176	651,047
Support and governance		-	-	922,834	922,834	790,108
	3	-	-	6,208,277	6,208,277	5,602,656
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		-	-	6,215,154	6,215,154	5,610,423
NET INCOMING RESOURCES						
Transfers between funds		-39,380	326	39,054	-	-
At 1 September 2023		39,380	30,932	5,935,833	6,006,145	5,822,492
FUND BALANCES						
At 31 AUGUST 2024		-	31,258	6,020,505	6,051,763	6,006,145

Accounts

Company number: 2659703
Charity number: 1006726

Alderley Edge School for Girls

(A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee)

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(CONSOLIDATED WITH AESG DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED)

For the year ended 31 August 2023

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

DIRECTORS, GOVERNORS & TRUSTEES

The present directors of the company, who are also charity trustees and school governors, and also any ex-directors who served during the year, are as follows:

Mr K R Lowe (Chairman)
Mrs A Bradbury (resigned 29 March 2023)
Mr G Bryant
Mrs A S Herring
Mrs C Lowe
Dr R Nolan (resigned 17 November 2022)
Mrs T Pollard (resigned 16 November 2022)
Mrs R Price
Mrs J Rostron
Mr C Wright
Mr S Burley (appointed 11 January 2023)
Mr G Tyson (appointed 15 February 2023)
Mr G Tyson (resigned 24 January 2024)

BURSAR AND CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

Mrs P McGill (resigned 03 October 2022)

CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

Mrs M Rigby (appointed 03 October 2022)
Mrs M Rigby (resigned 16 January 2023)
Mrs K Beck (appointed 16 January 2023)

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Mrs M Rigby (appointed 03 October 2022)

HEADMISTRESS

Mrs N Smillie

The Headmistress and Director of Finance and Operations are considered to be the School's key management personnel.
Their remuneration is set annually by the Chair of Governors and Chair of the Finance Committee.

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SCHOOL INFORMATION *(continued)*

COMPANY NUMBER

2659703

CHARITY NUMBER

1006726

REGISTERED OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Wilmslow Road
Alderley Edge
Cheshire
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SCHOOL INFORMATION (*continued*)

GOVERNING SUB COMMITTEES

Appeal Committee

Mr K R Lowe (Chairman)
Mrs A S Herring

Curriculum Committee

Mr S Burley (Chairman)
Mrs A S Herring
Mrs C Lowe
Mrs J Rostron

Finance and Premises Committee

Mr G Bryant (Chairman)
Mrs A S Herring
Mr K R Lowe
Mr G Tyson

Marketing and Development Committee

Mr K R Lowe (Chairman)
Mrs J Rostron

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT

The governors have pleasure in presenting their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2023 under the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, together with the audited financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, FRS102 and the Charities SORP 2019.

GOVERNORS' REPORT

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The school is a registered charity and was incorporated in 1991 as a company limited by guarantee, with the liability of its members limited to £1 each.

The Registered Charity number is 1006726 and Company number is 2659703.

The principal address / registered office is stated on page 2.

Governors

The governors, who are also directors of the company and trustees of the charity, are listed on page 1.

Governors are appointed by the Board of Governors.

Key personnel and professional advisers

The key personnel and professional advisers of the School are listed on pages 1 & 2.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The School is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, last amended by special resolution on 10 February 2021, to reflect changes in the status of the Sisters of St Joseph.

Trustee training

New governors are introduced to the workings of the School, the Company and Charity at an induction meeting arranged by the Chairman of Governors, the Headmistress and the Director of Finance and Operations. Copies of appropriate documents are provided, as is on-going training for all governors.

Organisational management

The Governing Body meets six times each year, and determines the general policy of the school. The day to day management of the school is delegated to the Headmistress and the Director of Finance and Operations.

Group structure and relationships

The School has a wholly owned non-charitable trading company subsidiary, A.E.S.G. Developments Limited. This trading subsidiary ran the School Uniform shop. The School Uniform shop ceased trading in December 2021. Uniform is sold by Monkhouses and commission is paid to AESG Developments. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated with those of the School.

Mount Carmel and St Hilary's Schools merged with effect from September 1999 and became Alderley Edge School for Girls. St Hilary's School was part of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited and Mount Carmel was founded by The Sisters of St Joseph. The School's continued association with these two charitable organisations forms the basis of its ecumenical ethos.

The School is also an active member of the following:

I.S.C. The Independent Schools Council.

G.S.A. The Girls' School Association.

A.J.I.S. The Association of Junior Independent Schools.

I.S.A. The Independent Schools Association.

A.G.B.I.S. The Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools.

I.S.B.A. The Independent Schools' Bursars Association.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

STRATEGIC REPORT

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal activity continued to be the operation of an independent day school for girls.

Motto: "Aspire to be More"

Vision Statement: "Aspire not to have more, but to be more" (Archbishop Oscar Romero)

AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

Academic

To provide a challenging and stimulating learning environment in which every girl fulfils her full academic potential, and thus equipping girls with the knowledge, skills and learning attributes for success beyond AESG.

To deliver an innovative and future inspired curriculum embracing the use of technology, thus fostering intellectual curiosity, developing creativity and a passion for lifelong learning.

Enrichment

To offer an extensive enrichment programme to enable girls to develop leadership skills, foster collaboration and resourcefulness, grow in confidence and encourage resilience.

To provide a rich and stimulating school experience in and outside the classroom, where girls can explore and develop their interests and talents.

Spirituality

To welcome girls of all faiths who share our values, and to respect, celebrate and embrace diversity and equal opportunities without prejudice.

To present a supportive, open and inviting environment for girls to explore their spirituality, to encourage reflection, and develop a strong moral compass based on our Christian foundation and principles.

Girls

To create a supportive, nurturing and happy environment underpinned by proactive pastoral initiatives, putting the girls' wellbeing first.

To empower all our girls to flourish as strong women in the 21st Century workplace, to communicate with confidence, and take their place as responsible, active and global citizens bringing about positive change for a more sustainable and equitable future.

OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR

This year has seen us continue to build on the academic successes of the School and sustain our high academic expectations of all our pupils so that they achieve their potential. Mentoring opportunities and focusing on a variety of teaching and learning strategies have enabled staff to build on such academic success. Focus on retrieval techniques in order to enhance revision skills and the development of strategies which focus on key characteristics so important for learning, such as resilience and collaboration, have seen the School embed a #BeMore profile for students in all key

stages. Our commitment to providing a holistic education continues with the focus on academic success but, also, the individual happiness and nurturing of each individual child so that they feel valued within our School community. We have introduced the “Girls on Board” programme which links with our pro-active pastoral work empowering the students to deal with friendships and relationships.

Furthermore, we continue to build on our alumnae links and welcome past members of our community into school regularly to talk to current pupils about their careers. There is a plethora of opportunities to learn outside the classroom including field trips, theatre, museum and gallery visits and residential trips. These have included team building and outward-bound activities in the UK as well as a Geography study visit to Iceland and MFL trips to France, Germany and Spain.

The School continues to excel in sport across all ages even though a wide variety of sports practices, fixtures and national tournaments. We aim to cater for pupils’ interests outside the classroom as far as possible and this year has seen new sporting clubs such as cricket and football as well as the development of those already existing, including trampolining, climbing and badminton.

The School continues to support local and national charities and is delighted to once again welcome representatives into school as well as visiting local charities. The School continues its commitment to providing bursaries so that sufficiently able pupils are able to join the school when their families do not have the financial means to fund their place.

Our examination results continue to improve, and our value added is a very impressive aspect of our school success. Students in Year 11 and Upper Sixth sat GCSE and A Level examinations in Summer 2023. Our results in the summer 2023 examinations despite tighter marking and grading continued to reflect the successes of previous years. At A-level, with 29% of our pupils achieving grades at A* and A, and 67% of grades at A*-B, a well-deserved achievement that reflects their commitment and dedication to their studies over the two years. For GCSE examinations, 27% of grades awarded are at the very highest grades 8 & 9 and 97% of all grades were at grade 4 or above. Both sets of results continue the upward trend in recent years and our high value-added scores compare very well to our local competitors.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The group’s net incoming resources for the year amounted to £186,423 (2022 net outgoing: £399,107).

The financial position has improved significantly during 22-23, improved controls, budget management and the management of debt has contributed to net incoming resources at the end of the year.

Cash balances have improved significantly from £615,388 (2022) to £1,208,854 (2023). The board continues to forward plan, assess risks and consider longer term financial planning. The budget for the next 12 months shows a small surplus and a positive cashflow.

The group results for the year are detailed on page 14.

The School had no fundraising activities requiring disclosure under s162A of the Charities Act 2011.

Details of the School’s funds and an analysis of the School’s net assets between the funds are given in note 11.

Restricted funds of £39,380 are held for use on capital projects, increasing the Bursary Fund and other small projects designated by the donor.

Endowed Funds of £30,932 were previously held by St Hilary’s School before its merger with Mount Carmel School and the subsequent formation of Alderley Edge School for Girls. The permitted use of the income from these funds is in accordance with the wishes of the original donors, being mainly the awarding of prizes and bursaries.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

The remaining unrestricted funds of £5,925,147 are required to cover the working capital of the School and to maintain the buildings to the high standards expected of a School of this standing.

The Governors continue to monitor the level of the various categories of funds in order to ensure that they are adequate to meet the charitable objectives of the School. Free reserves (calculated as unrestricted reserves less fixed assets) are £(42,782), (2022: £(331,488)). Free reserves totalling £250,000 are considered to be a suitable target by the Governors. The budget for the following year ensures at least a breakeven position. This will result in a further increase in free reserves and positive net current assets.

There has been significant improvement in cash balances held, which is £1,208,854 (2022: £615,388). The balance has exceeded the target set by Governors of £1 million, which is considered sufficient to meet any potential future liabilities and to continue to operate efficiently. Governors will continue to monitor both the level of these reserves and the amount deemed sufficient on an annual basis.

FUTURE PLANS

The main objective for the future remains the maintaining of the high standard of education offered at the School.

The Governors are considering scenarios which consider the longer-term financial risks and possible strategies to mitigate against them. This includes the potential changes to the taxation regime.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Alderley Edge School for Girls is committed to the aim of providing public benefit, and the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's published guidance on public benefit.

The School would normally arrange and take part in many activities that provide benefit to the local community. These activities range from making School facilities available to other local Schools, to pupils visiting local care homes, to inviting local residents to attend pupil music and drama performances. The full list of these activities is recorded in a register maintained by the School.

Scholarships and bursaries are offered at the discretion of the Governing Body, based on academic excellence, means testing for Bursary awards, and on the ongoing ability of the School to fund these awards.

The School awards means tested bursaries to pupils who would not otherwise be able to afford the school fees. The systems used to evaluate the means testing are reviewed continually and will continue to be developed as necessary.

During the year, the School awarded bursaries, scholarships and discounts totalling £671,339 (2022: £692,814). This figure includes means tested bursary awards.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Governing Body has ultimate responsibility for managing risk faced by the School.

The Governors continue to examine the principal areas of the school's operation and consider the major risks identified in each of these areas. The risk management process identifies risks, assesses their impact and likelihood and, where necessary, recommends controls to mitigate and monitor those risks that are assessed as high.

In the opinion of the Governors, the school has established resources and reviews systems which, under normal conditions, should allow these risks to be managed to an acceptable level in its day to day operations.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Governing Body consider the economic uncertainty and the impact on pupil numbers to be the most significant risks for concern.

Governors met to consider the appropriateness of going concern as the basis of preparation of these and future financial statements. Governors examined a number of possible scenarios that consider the School's cash position, sources of income and planned expenditure. These scenarios consider the political risks around the loss of charitable status and the addition of VAT on school fees plus reduced pupil numbers, and the Teachers' Pension Scheme. Sensitivity around these assumptions has also been considered in our forecasting. The budget for 2023-24 predicts at least a breakeven position. The results of this scenario planning and analysis indicate that the cash reserves of the School are adequate to meet its ongoing obligations and therefore the governors continue to believe it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these financial statements.

Health and Safety in all Schools is always a significant area for risk management. The risks range from buildings and infrastructure risk through to personal risk. The level and breadth of activities within the School is enormous and the risks associated with all activities are minimised through planning and risk assessment.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The directors at the time when this Director's report is approved have confirmed that:

- so far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- they have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

Crowe U.K. LLP has expressed its willingness to be reappointed as statutory auditor.

This report, which incorporates the Strategic Report, was approved by the Board of Governors on 13 February 2024.



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Chair of Governors

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STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The governors are responsible for preparing the Governors' Report & Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the governors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law.

Under company law the governors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The governors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company and group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



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Approved by the Board of Governors on 13 February 2024.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS'

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Alderley Edge School for Girls for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Consolidated and School Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated and School Balance Sheets and the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of the group's income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the governors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the governors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS'

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Other information

The governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit

- the information given in the Annual Report of the Governors and Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Annual Report of the Governors and Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Annual Report of the Governors and Strategic Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS'

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Responsibilities of governors

As explained more fully in the governors' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the governors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the governors are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the group and charitable company operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the group and charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the group and charitable company for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations were The Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, Employment legislation and Health and Safety legislation.

Alderley Edge School for Girls

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS'

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

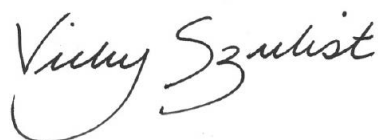
Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Governors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Finance Committee about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the Charity Commission, Independent Schools Inspectorate and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed



Vicky Szulist

Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of

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19th March 2024

Alderley Edge School for Girls

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b			5,675,217	5,675,217	5,088,705
Other ancillary income	1c			41,822	41,822	35,862
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a			23,551	23,551	160,734
Other activities				32,894	32,894	77,765
Government grant income				11,615	11,615	-
Investments						
Investment income	6			12,518	12,518	1,237
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		-	-	5,797,617	5,797,617	5,364,303
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Trading costs of the subsidiary	3			770	770	135,386
Fundraising costs	3			4,047	4,047	5,044
Financing costs	3			3,720	3,720	2,629
		-	-	8,537	8,537	143,059
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs				3,662,717	3,662,717	3,653,743
Welfare				498,784	498,784	510,592
Premises				651,047	651,047	583,488
Support and governance				790,109	790,109	872,528
		-	-	5,602,657	5,602,657	5,620,351
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		-	-	5,611,194	5,611,194	5,763,410
Fund Balances						
At 1 September 2022		39,380	30,598	5,739,058	5,809,036	6,208,143
Net Outgoing Resources		-	-	186,423	186,423	(399,107)
Transfers between Funds		-	334	(334)	-	-
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2023		39,380	30,932	5,925,147	5,995,459	5,809,036

The school has no recognised gains or losses other than its surplus for the year. All activities in the year are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 20 to 39 form part of these accounts.

Alderley Edge School for Girls

COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b			5,675,217	5,675,217	5,088,705
Other ancillary income	1c			41,822	41,822	35,862
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a			20,011	20,011	35,554
Other activities				32,894	32,894	77,765
Government grant income	1d			11,615	11,615	
Investments						
Investment income	6			12,518	12,518	1,237
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		-	-	5,794,077	5,794,077	5,239,123
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Fundraising costs	3			4,047	4,047	5,044
Financing costs	3			3,720	3,720	2,629
		-	-	7,767	7,767	7,673
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs				3,662,717	3,662,717	3,653,743
Welfare				498,784	498,784	510,592
Premises				651,047	651,047	583,488
Support and governance				790,109	790,109	872,528
		-	-	5,602,657	5,602,657	5,620,351
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		-	-	5,610,424	5,610,424	5,628,024
Fund Balances						
At 1 September 2022		39,380	30,598	5,752,514	5,822,492	6,211,393
Net Incoming Resources		-	-	183,653	183,653	(388,901)
Transfers between Funds		-	334	(334)	-	-
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2023		39,380	30,932	5,935,833	6,006,145	5,822,492

The school has no recognised gains or losses other than its net result for the year. All activities in the year are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 20 to 39 form part of these accounts.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

31 August 2023

Company Registration No: 2659703

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	7	5,967,932	6,070,549
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock – Finished goods		4,855	10,047
Debtors	9	173,850	181,048
Cash at bank and in hand		1,208,853	615,389
		<u>1,387,558</u>	<u>806,484</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,360,028)</u>	<u>(1,067,997)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		<u>27,530</u>	<u>(261,513)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>5,995,462</u>	<u>5,809,036</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u><u>5,995,462</u></u>	<u><u>5,809,036</u></u>
Unrestricted funds:			
General funds	11a	5,925,150	5,739,058
Restricted funds	11b	39,380	39,380
Endowed funds	11c	30,932	30,598
		<u>5,995,462</u>	<u>5,809,036</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Governors on 13 February 2024.



Mr K R Lowe
Chair of Governors

The notes on pages 20 to 39 form part of these accounts

Alderley Edge School for Girls

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

31 August 2023

Company Registration No: 2659703

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	7	5,967,932	6,070,549
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	184,147	262,050
Cash at bank and in hand		1,206,727	544,323
Stocks		4,855	10,047
		<u>1,395,729</u>	<u>816,420</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year			
	10	<u>(1,357,515)</u>	<u>(1,064,477)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		<u>38,214</u>	<u>(248,057)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>6,006,146</u>	<u>5,822,492</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>6,006,146</u>	<u>5,822,492</u>
Unrestricted funds:			
• General funds	11a	5,935,834	5,752,514
Restricted funds	11b	39,380	39,380
Endowed funds	11c	30,932	30,598
		<u>6,006,146</u>	<u>5,822,492</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Governors on 13 February 2024.



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Alderley Edge School for Girls

CONSOLIDATED CASHFLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
NET CASH (INFLOW) FROM OPERATIONS	a	727,143	108,188
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received		12,518	1,237
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(146,196)	(154,950)
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(133,678)	(153,713)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR		593,465	(45,525)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT START OF THE PERIOD		615,388	660,913
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	b	1,208,853	615,388

a) Reconciliation of net (outgoing) resources to net cash outflow from operating activities:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net incomings/(outgoings)	186,423	(399,107)
Depreciation	248,814	306,229
Interest receivable	(12,518)	(1,237)
(Increase)/decrease in stock	5,192	119,535
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	7,200	93,577
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	292,032	(10,809)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	727,143	108,188

Alderley Edge School for Girls

CONSOLIDATED CASHFLOW STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

for the year ended 31 August 2023

b) Analysis of changes in net cash resources

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at Bank	1,208,853	615,388
	<u>1,208,853</u>	<u>615,388</u>

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Alderley Edge School for Girls

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

for the year ended 31 August 2023

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - effective 1 January 2019.

The functional currency of the School is considered to be GBP because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the School operates.

The accounts are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting.

The School is a Public Benefit Entity registered as a charity in England and Wales and a company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 1st November 1991 (company number: 2659703) and registered as a charity on 6th December 1991 (charity number: 1006726). Details of the School's registered office can be found on page 2.

BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The accounts have been consolidated on a line by line basis to include the School's wholly owned non-charitable trading company subsidiary, A.E.S.G. Developments Limited.

The School has not taken advantage of the exemption available to a qualifying entity in FRS 102 from the requirement to present a charity only Cash Flow Statement with the consolidated financial statements.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided in order to write off each asset, less its estimated residual value, over their useful lives at the following rates:

Buildings	2%	straight line
Building improvements	2%	straight line
Plant and equipment	20%	straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20%	straight line
Computer equipment	20% - 33 ¹ / ₃ %	straight line

Capital items costing less than £250 are written off as an expense as acquired.

STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

LEASES

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements, and the interest is charged to the profit and loss account in proportion to the remaining balance outstanding. All other leases are “operating leases” and the annual rentals are charged to profit and loss on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

INCOME

Income from School Fees represents fees earned in respect of tuition given during the year. Fees received in respect of tuition to be given after the year end are included in creditors as fees received in advance. Fees receivable are stated after deducting bursaries and scholarships granted by the school.

Scholarships and bursaries are awarded at the discretion of the Governing Body, based on academic excellence in the case of Scholarship awards, and are means tested for Bursary awards.

Other income, including legacies and donations, is accounted for as and when entitlement arises, the amount can be reliably quantified and the economic benefit to the School is considered probable. Legacies received in the form of property are credited at the lower of probate and market value.

Income from government grants is recognised when there is entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Where entitlements occurs before income is received, the income is accrued. Where income is received in advance of there being entitlement to the funds the income is deferred.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities. Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds. Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the objects of the School and include both direct costs and support costs relating to this activity. Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the School and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

TAXATION

The School is an exempt charity and benefits by being exempt from corporation tax on income it receives from tuition fees, interest and rents.

The School is exempt from levying VAT on services it provides to pupils. For this reason the School is generally unable to recover input VAT it suffers on goods and services purchased, which is therefore included in the cost of these goods and services.

The subsidiary, AESG Developments Ltd, is de-registered for VAT when it ceased trading in 2021.

SCHOOL TRIPS

The School collects monies in respect of trips and pays these monies out in full. As these funds do not represent income for the School, they are not accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities.

PENSION SCHEME

The School contributes to the Teachers' Pension Defined Benefit Scheme at rates set by the Scheme Actuary and advised to the School by the Scheme Administrator. The Scheme is a multi-employer pension scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the Scheme which are attributable to the School. In accordance with FRS 102 the Scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme and contributions are accounted for when advised as due by the scheme Administrator.

The School also contributes to a group personal pension scheme for non-teaching staff. All non-teaching staff are eligible to take part.

This scheme is currently with Scottish Widows and is a defined contribution scheme.

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The School used to contribute to the Pensions Trust Growth Plan for many of the non-teaching staff. This is in most respects a money purchase arrangement, but does include certain guaranteed benefit elements.

The Plan is a multi-employer scheme as it is not possible in the normal course of events to identify the share of the underlying assets belonging to the individual participating employers and accordingly, in accordance with FRS 102, is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme with contributions being recorded as they become payable.

DONATIONS

Donations received for the general purposes of the school are credited to "other unrestricted funds". Donations subject to specific wishes of the donors are carried to relevant restricted funds.

FUND ACCOUNTING

The School has various types of funds for which it is responsible and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

Unrestricted funds	Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Governors in furtherance of the objects of the School. In addition to expenditure on tuition, such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.
Restricted funds	Donations or legacies received which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the School.
Designated funds	The School may at its discretion set aside funds for specific purposes which would otherwise form part of the general reserves of the School.
Endowment funds	Endowments funds are funds for which the Governors must maintain the capital element but the incoming resources derived from the underlying endowment fund assets can be spent.

INVESTMENTS

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost with the exception of investments which are held at fair value. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. A specific provision is made for debts for which recoverability is in doubt. Cash at bank and in hand is defined as all cash held in instant access bank accounts and used as working capital. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise all creditors except social security and other taxes and provisions.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the accounting policies, Trustees are required to make judgement, estimates, and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affected current and future periods.

In the view of the trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting assets or liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

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GOING CONCERN

The Governors have due regard for the going concern of the School. The School prepares a detailed budget for the 12 months ahead as well as more general longer-term financial projections, taking into account potential risks and considers options to mitigate against these. Actual performance is monitored termly and cash balances are monitored and reviewed daily.

There has been a significant improvement in the financial position of the school. The school has moved from a net liability position in 2022 to a net current asset position at the balance sheet date. Cash balances have increased significantly to over £1.2 million and the budget for 23-24 and updated estimates show at least a breakeven position. Longer term scenarios are being considered by Governors and the Senior Leadership Team to consider potential financial risks over the next two years, including those which will be caused by changes in the taxation regime. Risks are recorded and strategies are in place or are being developed to mitigate those with the highest likelihood and worst potential effects.

The Governors believe that the school's financial resources and contingency planning is sufficient to ensure the ability of the School to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future, being at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

1a ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Consolidated		School	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	4,586	29,671	4,586	29,671
Trading income	3,540	125,180	-	-
Hire of School premises	15,425	5,883	15,425	5,883
	<u>23,551</u>	<u>160,734</u>	<u>20,011</u>	<u>35,554</u>

The fundraising income includes £32 (2022 £15,761) donated from the Parents Association.

1b SCHOOL FEES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fees receivable consist of:		
Gross fees	6,346,556	5,781,519
Less: Bursaries, grants and allowances	(671,339)	(692,814)
	<u>5,675,217</u>	<u>5,088,705</u>

Scholarships, bursaries and other awards were paid to 244 pupils (2022: 271). Within this means-tested bursaries totalling £369,320 were paid to 45 pupils (2022: £327,189 to 45 pupils).

There were no bursaries or allowances paid from restricted funds. Nursery grants of £20,485 (2022: £40,221) were received from the government and paid out to parents.

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1c OTHER ANCILLARY INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Catering receipts	14,110	9,406
Other ancillary income	27,712	26,456
	<u>41,822</u>	<u>35,862</u>

Catering receipts are monies received from staff lunches and other ad hoc catering supplies to staff and pupils.

1d GOVERNMENT GRANT INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Other grants receivable (EHCP Funding)	11,615	-
	<u>11,615</u>	<u>-</u>

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2 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2023 £	2022 £
Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:		
Charitable expenditure includes:		
Depreciation	248,814	294,682
Operating leases/rentals	10,200	10,200
Governance costs include:		
Auditors' remuneration	12,430	11,360
Staff costs comprise:		
Wages and salaries	3,153,165	3,051,588
Social security costs	306,556	307,706
Pension costs	551,130	536,464
		3,895,758
	<u>4,010,852</u>	
Aggregate employee – benefits of key management personnel	<u>£223,316</u>	<u>247,137</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 No	2022 No
Teaching staff	61	63
Premises and grounds	4	4
Administration	17	17
Other	28	28
	110	112

The average numbers employed by the school during the year calculated on a full-time equivalent basis was:

	2023 No	2022 No
Teaching staff	51	53
Premises and grounds	3.5	3.5
Administration	11	12
Other	24	18
	89.5	86.5

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Neither the governors nor persons connected with them received any remuneration, other benefits or reimbursed expenses from the school or any connected organisation.

	2023 No	2022 No
The number of employees whose income exceeded £60,000 was:		
£90,001 to £100,000	1	1
£80,001 to £90,000	0	0
£70,001 to £80,000	1	0
£60,001 to £70,000	1	1

Included in the above higher paid employees was 1 employee (2022: 1) accruing pension benefits under a defined benefit scheme and 1 employee (2022: 1) accruing benefits under a money purchase pension scheme. The aggregate employer pension contributions for the year was £27,017 (2022: £25,308).

3 ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff Costs £	Other £	Depreciation £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS					
Trading costs of the subsidiary	-	770	-	770	135,386
Fundraising costs	-	4,047	-	4,047	5,044
Financing costs		3,720	-	3,720	2,629
	-	8,537	-	8,537	143,059
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES – SCHOOL OPERATING COSTS					
Teaching costs	3,351,970	249,019	61,728	3,662,717	3,653,743
Welfare	58,445	431,509	8,830	498,784	510,592
Premises	127,965	361,352	161,730	651,047	583,488
Support and governance	471,394	302,189	16,526	790,109	872,528
	4,009,774	1,344,069	248,814	5,602,657	5,620,351
TOTAL	4,009,774	1,352,606	248,814	5,611,194	5,763,410

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Support and governance costs may be split as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff Costs	471,394	441,165
Marketing	52,654	67,160
Recruitment and Training	30,154	48,419
Legal, Professional and other Fees	32,132	36,327
Depreciation	16,526	11,240
Stationery, postage and telephone	41,532	46,459
Insurances	29,378	46,942
Bad Debt Written Off	36,528	83,458
Computing Costs	36,705	16,660
Sundry other Costs	30,675	42,626
Audit and Accountancy	12,430	11,360
TOTAL	<u>790,108</u>	<u>851,816</u>

4 FINANCING COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank charges	3,720	2,629
	<u>3,720</u>	<u>2,629</u>

5 TAXATION

As the school is a registered charity, no provision is required for corporation tax.

6 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank interest receivable	12,518	1,237

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7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Consolidated and School	Freehold land & buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures, fittings & computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 September 2022	7,732,424	392,573	1,487,613	9,612,610
Additions	1,336	25,143	119,718	146,197
Disposals			(2,109)	(2,109)
As at 31 August 2023	<u>7,733,760</u>	<u>417,716</u>	<u>1,605,222</u>	<u>9,756,698</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 September 2022	1,893,892	352,948	1,295,220	3,542,060
Charge for the year	156,720	14,629	77,465	248,814
Disposals			(2,109)	(2,109)
As at 31 August 2023	<u>2,050,612</u>	<u>367,577</u>	<u>1,370,576</u>	<u>3,788,765</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 August 2023	<u>5,683,148</u>	<u>50,139</u>	<u>234,646</u>	<u>5,967,933</u>
As at 31 August 2022	<u>5,838,532</u>	<u>39,624</u>	<u>192,393</u>	<u>6,070,549</u>

8 AESG DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

AESG Developments Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alderley Edge School for Girls, and whose company number is 05213539. The company is registered in England. AESG Developments no longer sells uniform, uniform is now sold by a third party. Commission will continue to be paid to AESG Developments.

Any taxable profit is transferred as gift aid to Alderley Edge School for Girls. Summaries of the trading results and balance sheet are shown below. Accounts will be filed with the Registrar of Companies.

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i) Profit and Loss account for the period to 31 August 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover	3,540	125,180
Cost of sales	-	(122,746)
Gross profit	3,540	2,434
Administrative expenses	(44)	(11,810)
Operating (loss) / surplus	3,496	(9,376)
Interest payable and similar charges	(726)	(830)
Profit / (Loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	2,770	(10,206)
Gift aid payment to AESG	-	-
Retained (loss) / surplus	2,770	(10,206)

ii) Balance Sheet at 31 August 2022

	2023 £	2022 £
Stock	-	-
Debtors	3,070	3,641
Bank and cash	2,127	71,067
Net current assets	5,197	74,708
Creditors	(15,880)	(88,161)
Net current liabilities	(10,683)	(13,453)
Net liabilities	(10,683)	(13,453)
Share capital	1	1
Retained profits	(10,683)	(13,454)
	(10,682)	(13,453)

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9 DEBTORS

	Consolidated		School	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Fee debtors	141,508	194,005	141,509	194,005
Less: Bad debt provision	(117,330)	(97,432)	(117,330)	(97,432)
	<u>24,178</u>	<u>96,573</u>	<u>24,179</u>	<u>96,573</u>
Prepayments and accrued income	149,671	84,475	146,601	80,837
Amounts owed by AESG Developments Limited	-	-	13,367	84,640
	<u>173,850</u>	<u>181,048</u>	<u>184,147</u>	<u>262,050</u>

Amounts owed by AESG Developments Limited are repayable when cash surpluses allow, or on demand. Interest on the balance outstanding is charged at base rate.

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10 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	Consolidated		School	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Trade Creditors	331,145	186,681	328,632	185,661
Accruals and deferred income	33,807	33,461	33,807	30,961
Other creditors	920,178	773,025	920,178	773,025
Other taxes and social security costs	74,898	74,830	74,898	74,830
	<u>1,360,028</u>	<u>1,067,997</u>	<u>1,357,515</u>	<u>1,064,477</u>

Deferred Income transactions are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred Income as at 1 September 2022	-	9,738
Released from Prior Year	-	(9,738)
Deferred in the Year	=	=
Deferred Income as at 31 August 2023	=	=

Deferred Income comprises nursery grant income received in advance of the financial year it relates to. In 2023 the school did not receive any income in advance of the 2023-24 financial year.

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11 ALLOCATION OF THE CHARITY NET ASSETS

Consolidated	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2023 £
The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:			
Unrestricted funds (11a)	5,897,620	27,530	5,925,150
Designated funds (11b)	-	-	-
Restricted funds (11c)	39,380	-	39,380
Endowed funds (11d)	30,932	-	30,932
	<u>5,967,932</u>	<u>27,530</u>	<u>5,995,462</u>
School	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets £	Total 2023 £
Unrestricted funds (11a)	5,897,620	38,214	5,935,834
Designated funds (11b)	-	-	-
Restricted funds (11c)	39,380	-	39,380
Endowed funds (11d)	30,932	-	30,932
	<u>5,967,932</u>	<u>38,214</u>	<u>6,006,146</u>
Consolidated	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2022 £
The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:			
Unrestricted funds (11a)	6,000,571	(261,513)	5,739,058
Designated funds (11b)	-	-	-
Restricted funds (11c)	39,380	-	39,380
Endowed funds (11d)	30,598	-	30,598
	<u>6,070,549</u>	<u>(261,513)</u>	<u>5,809,036</u>

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11 ALLOCATION OF THE CHARITY NET ASSETS Continued

School	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets £	2022 Total £
Unrestricted funds (11a)	6,000,571	(248,057)	5,752,514
Designated funds (11b)	-		-
Restricted funds (11c)	39,380		39,380
Endowed funds (11d)	30,598		30,598
	<u>6,070,549</u>	<u>(248,057)</u>	<u>5,822,492</u>

11a UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Consolidated		School	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Balance brought forward 1 September 2022	5,739,058	6,138,504	5,752,514	6,141,754
Net movement on fund	186,423	(399,107)	183,653	(388,901)
Transfer from restricted funds	-	-	-	-
Transfer from designated funds	-	-	-	-
Transfer to endowed funds	(334)	(339)	(334)	(339)
Balance carried forward 31 August 2023	<u>5,925,147</u>	<u>5,739,058</u>	<u>5,935,833</u>	<u>5,752,514</u>

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11b RESTRICTED FUNDS

Consolidated and School

	At 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 August 2023 £
P A monies	-	-	-	-	-
Millennium appeal	10,344	-	-	-	10,344
Merger balances	9,404	-	-	-	9,404
Bursary Fund	19,632	-	-	-	19,632
	<u>39,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,380</u>
	<u><u>39,380</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>39,380</u></u>
	At 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 August 2022 £
P A monies	-	709	(709)	-	-
Millennium appeal	10,344	-	-	-	10,344
Merger balances	9,404	-	-	-	9,404
Bursary Fund	19,632	-	-	-	19,632
Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Ltd	80,000	-	-	(80,000)	-
Library Development	70,700	-	-	(70,700)	-
	<u>190,080</u>	<u>709</u>	<u>(709)</u>	<u>(150,700)</u>	<u>39,380</u>
	<u><u>190,080</u></u>	<u><u>709</u></u>	<u><u>(709)</u></u>	<u><u>(150,700)</u></u>	<u><u>39,380</u></u>

The PA monies are amounts received from the Parents' Association.

The Millennium appeal was a fund-raising project to raise funds for major capital expenditure.

Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited arises from assets passed over to AESG at the time of the merger. Repayment is only required in the event of the winding up of the school, as per Note 16, so this has been transferred to unrestricted funds.

Merger balances are remaining from when St Hilary's School merged with Mount Carmel School in 1999 to form Alderley Edge School for Girls.

Library Development was a fund-raising project to raise funds to develop the Library.

The Bursary Fund aims to provide bursary assistance to families who cannot meet the full School fees.

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11c ENDOWED FUNDS

Consolidated and School

At 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 August 2023 £
30,598	-	-	334	30,932
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
At 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 August 2022 £
30,259	-	-	339	30,598
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

These funds represent Endowed Funds previously held by St Hilary's School before its merger with Mount Carmel School and the subsequent formation of Alderley Edge School for Girls.

The permitted use of the income from these funds is in accordance with the wishes of the original donors, being mainly the awarding of prizes and bursaries.

12 OTHER OPERATING CHARGES

At 31 August 2023 the future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	10,200	13,857
Within two to five years	41,616	40,800
Over five years	649,106	646,578
	=====	=====
	700,922	701,235
	=====	=====

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13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Financial assets measured at amortised cost (a)	1,478,054	717,403
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost (b)	1,359,378	1,057,897
Net financial assets measured at amortised cost	118,676	(340,494)

(a) Financial assets include cash, fee debtors, other debtors and accrued income

(b) Financial liabilities include accruals, amounts due to The Sisters of St Joseph, trade creditors and other creditors

Impairment losses charged to financial assets measured at amortised cost in the year amounted to £36,528 (2022 £80,545). Impairment losses arise from bad debt provision.

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14 PENSION SCHEMES

Teachers' Pensions

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £504,734 (2022: 493,954) and at the year-end £0 (2022 – £0) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at March 2020 and the Valuation Report, which was published in October 2023.

Following the McCloud judgement, the remedy proposed that when benefits become payable, eligible members can select to receive them from either the reformed or legacy schemes for the period 1 April 2015 to March 2022. The actuaries have assumed that members are likely choose the option that provides them with the greater benefits, and preparing the 2020 valuation have valued the 'greater value' benefits for groups of relevant members.

The valuation confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 23.6% to 28.6% from 1 April 2024. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 28.68%.

Support Staff Pensions

The School participates in a pension Scheme for support staff with Scottish Widows. Alderley Edge School for Girls paid contributions at the rate of 6% and totalling £46,618 (2022 £42,510) during the accounting period. Members paid contributions at a minimum rate of 3%. As at the balance sheet date there were 38 active members of the Scottish Widows scheme employed by Alderley Edge School for Girls.

Pension costs for both schemes are met from unrestricted funds.

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15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Mount Carmel and St Hilary's Schools merged with effect from September 1999 and became Alderley Edge School for Girls. St Hilary's School was part of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited and Mount Carmel was founded by The Sisters of St Joseph. Certain loans have been made to the merged School by these organisations to assist with the merger, as disclosed in notes 10, 11 and 12. These loans, as of October 2020, have been paid in full.

The Sisters of St Joseph nominate a governor to the Board – this is currently Mrs R. Price. Rent of £10,200 per annum is also paid to The Sisters for use of tennis courts at Ryleys Lane. Woodard Schools also nominate a governor to the Board – this is currently Mr C Wright.

16 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A legal mortgage of £1.08m was entered into during the year ended 31 August 2001 in favour of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited. This mortgage is only repayable in the event of the winding up of the School.

17 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have not been any post balance sheet events of material value.

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19 CONSOLIDATED SOFA – COMPARATIVE FIGURES BY FUND TYPE

		Restricted	Endowed	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Note	Funds £	Funds £	Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities				5,675,217	5,675,217	5,088,705
School fees	1b	-	-	41,822	41,822	35,862
Other ancillary income	1c	-	-			
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a	-	-	23,551	23,551	160,734
Other activities			-	32,894	32,894	77,765
Government Grant Income				11,615	11,615	-
Investments						
Investment income	6	-	-	12,518	12,518	1,237
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		-	-	5,797,617	5,797,617	5,364,303
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Trading costs of the subsidiary	8	-	-	770	770	135,386
Fundraising costs		-	-	4,047	4,047	5,044
Financing costs	4	-	-	3,720	3,720	2,629
	3	-	-	8,537	8,537	143,059
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs		-	-	3,662,717	3,662,717	3,653,743
Welfare		-	-	498,784	498,784	510,592
Premises		-	-	651,047	651,047	583,488
Support and governance		-	-	790,108	790,108	872,528
	3	-	-	5,602,656	5,602,656	5,620,351
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		-	-	5,611,193	5,611,193	5,763,410
NET INCOMING RESOURCES				186,423	186,423	(399,107)
Transfers between funds		-	334	(334)	-	-
Fund balances						
At 1 September 2022		39,380	30,598	5,739,058	5,809,036	6,208,143
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2023		39,380	30,932	5,925,147	5,995,459	5,809,036

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	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b	-	-	5,675,217	5,675,217	5,088,705
Other ancillary income	1c	-	-	41,822	41,822	35,862
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a	-	-	20,011	20,011	35,554
Other activities		-	-	32,894	32,894	77,765
Government Grants		-	-			-
Investments						
Investment income	6	-	-	12,518	12,518	1,237
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		-	-	5,782,462	5,782,462	5,239,123
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Fundraising costs		-	-	4,047	4,047	5,044
Financing costs	4	-	-	3,720	3,720	2,629
	3	-	-	7,767	7,767	7,673
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs		-	-	3,662,717	3,662,717	3,653,743
Welfare		-	-	498,784	498,784	510,592
Premises		-	-	651,047	651,047	583,488
Support and governance		-	-	790,108	790,108	872,528
	3	-	-	5,602,656	5,602,656	5,620,351
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		-	-	5,610,423	5,610,423	5,628,024
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		-	-	183,653	183,653	(388,901)
Transfers between funds		-	334	(334)	-	-
At 1 September 2022		39,380	30,598	5,752,514	5,822,492	6,211,393
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2023		39,380	30,932	5,935,833	6,006,145	5,822,492

Accounts

Company number: 2659703
Charity number: 1006726

Alderley Edge School for Girls

(A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee)

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(CONSOLIDATED WITH AESG DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED)

For the year ended 31 August 2022

Alderley Edge School for Girls

For the year ended 31 August 2022

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

DIRECTORS, GOVERNORS & TRUSTEES

The present directors of the company, who are also charity trustees and school governors, and also any ex-directors who served during the year, are as follows:

Mr K R Lowe (Chairman)
Mrs A Bradbury (appointed 09 February 2022)
Mrs A Bradbury (resigned 29 March 2023)
Mr G Bryant
Mrs A S Herring
Mrs C Lowe
Dr R Nolan (resigned 17 November 2022)
Mrs T Pollard (resigned 16 November 2022)
Mrs R Price
Mrs J Rostron
Mrs D Summerfield (resigned 03 May 2022)
Mr C Trueman (resigned 31 August 2022)
Mrs E Turner-Hill (appointed 09 February 2022)
Mrs E Turner-Hill (resigned 29 June 2022)
Mr C Wright
Mr S Burley (appointed 11 January 2023)
Mr G Tyson (appointed 15 February 2023)

BURSAR AND CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

Mr S J Malkin (resigned 22 April 2022)
Mrs P McGill (appointed 03 May 2022)
Mrs P McGill (resigned 03 October 2022)

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS AND CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

Mrs M Rigby (appointed 03 October 2022)

HEADMISTRESS

Mrs N Smillie

The Headmistress and Director of Finance and Operations are considered to be the School's key management personnel.
Their remuneration is set annually by the Chair of Governors and Chair of the Finance Committee.

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SCHOOL INFORMATION *(continued)*

COMPANY NUMBER

2659703

CHARITY NUMBER

1006726

REGISTERED OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Wilmslow Road
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Cheshire
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SCHOOL INFORMATION (*continued*)

GOVERNING SUB COMMITTEES

Appeal Committee

Mr K R Lowe (Chairman)
Mrs A S Herring

Curriculum Committee

Mr S Burley (Chairman)
Mrs A S Herring
Mrs C Lowe
Mrs J Rostron

Finance and Premises Committee

Mr G Bryant (Chairman)
Mrs A S Herring
Mr K R Lowe
Mr G Tyson

Marketing and Development Committee

Mr K R Lowe (Chairman)
Mrs J Rostron

Alderley Edge School for Girls

GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT

The governors have pleasure in presenting their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2022 under the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, together with the audited financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, FRS102 and the Charities SORP 2019.

GOVERNORS' REPORT

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The school is a registered charity and was incorporated in 1991 as a company limited by guarantee, with the liability of its members limited to £1 each.

The Registered Charity number is 1006726 and Company number is 2659703.

The principal address / registered office is stated on page 2.

Governors

The governors, who are also directors of the company and trustees of the charity, are listed on page 1.

Governors are appointed by the Board of Governors.

Key personnel and professional advisers

The key personnel and professional advisers of the School are listed on pages 1 & 2.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The School is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, last amended by special resolution on 10 February 2021, to reflect changes in the status of the Sisters of St Joseph.

Trustee training

New governors are introduced to the workings of the School, the Company and Charity at an induction meeting arranged by the Chairman of Governors, the Headmistress and the Bursar. Copies of appropriate documents are provided, as is on-going training for all governors.

Organisational management

The Governing Body meets six times each year, and determines the general policy of the school. The day to day management of the school is delegated to the Headmistress and the Bursar.

Group structure and relationships

The School has a wholly owned non-charitable trading company subsidiary, A.E.S.G. Developments Limited. This trading subsidiary runs the School Uniform shop, and its results are consolidated with those of the School.

Mount Carmel and St Hilary's Schools merged with effect from September 1999 and became Alderley Edge School for Girls. St Hilary's School was part of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited and Mount Carmel was founded by The Sisters of St Joseph. The School's continued association with these two charitable organisations forms the basis of its ecumenical ethos.

The School is also an active member of the following:

I.S.C. The Independent Schools Council.

G.S.A. The Girls' School Association.

A.J.I.S. The Association of Junior Independent Schools.

I.S.A. The Independent Schools Association.

A.G.B.I.S. The Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools.

I.S.B.A. The Independent Schools' Bursars Association.

Alderley Edge School for Girls

GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

STRATEGIC REPORT

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal activity continued to be the operation of an independent day school for girls.

Motto: "Aspire to be More"

Vision Statement: "Aspire not to have more, but to be more" (Archbishop Oscar Romero)

AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

Academic

To provide a challenging and stimulating learning environment in which every girl fulfils her full academic potential, and thus equipping girls with the knowledge, skills and learning attributes for success beyond AESG.

To deliver an innovative and future inspired curriculum embracing the use of technology, thus fostering intellectual curiosity, developing creativity and a passion for lifelong learning.

Enrichment

To offer an extensive enrichment programme to enable girls to develop leadership skills, foster collaboration and resourcefulness, grow in confidence and encourage resilience.

To provide a rich and stimulating school experience in and outside the classroom, where girls can explore and develop their interests and talents.

Spirituality

To welcome girls of all faiths who share our values, and to respect, celebrate and embrace diversity and equal opportunities without prejudice.

To present a supportive, open and inviting environment for girls to explore their spirituality, to encourage reflection, and develop a strong moral compass based on our Christian foundation and principles.

Girls

To create a supportive, nurturing and happy environment underpinned by proactive pastoral initiatives, putting the girls' wellbeing first.

To empower all our girls to flourish as strong women in the 21st Century workplace, to communicate with confidence, and take their place as responsible, active and global citizens bringing about positive change for a more sustainable and equitable future.

OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR

This year has seen us continue to build on the recent academic successes of the School and sustain our high academic expectations of all our pupils so that they achieve their potential. Mentoring opportunities and focusing on a variety of teaching and learning strategies have enabled staff to build on such academic success. Focus on retrieval techniques in order to enhance revision skills and the development of strategies which focus on key characteristics so important for learning, such as resilience and collaboration, have seen the School develop a learner profile for full implementation

from September 2020. Our commitment to providing a holistic education continues with the focus on academic success but, also, the individual happiness and nurturing of each individual child so that they feel valued within our School community.

Furthermore, we continue to build on our alumnae links and welcome past members of our community into school regularly to talk to current pupils about their careers. Trips and visits have resumed including residential trips in the UK and Europe.

The School continues to excel in sport across all ages even though fixtures in the year have been severely curtailed by the impact of the pandemic. We aim to cater for pupils' interests outside the classroom as far as possible and this year has seen new sporting clubs such as cricket and football as well as the development of those already existing, including trampolining, climbing and badminton.

The School continues to support local and national charities and is delighted to once again welcome representatives into school as well as visiting local charities. The School continues its commitment to providing bursaries so that sufficiently able pupils are able to join the school when their families do not have the financial means to fund their place.

Our examination results continue to improve, and our value added is a very impressive aspect of our school success. Students in Year 11 and Upper Sixth sat GCSE and A Level examinations for the first time since 2019. Our results in the summer 2022 examinations despite disruption during the pandemic and its impact on teaching and learning, continued to reflect the successes of previous years. At A-level, with 28% of our pupils achieving grades at A* and 81% of grades at A*-B, a well-deserved achievement that reflects their commitment and dedication to their studies over the two years. For GCSE examinations, 32% of grades awarded are at the very highest grades 8 & 9 and 96% of all grades were at grade 4 or above. Both sets of results continue the upward trend in recent years and our high value-added scores (compare very well to our local competitors).

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The group's net outgoing resources for the year amounted to £399,107 (2021 net outgoing: £196,552).

The impact of a pupil roll less than budgeted, together with additional discounts to assist parents, and some areas of higher than budgeted expenditure, such as bad debts, have all contributed to the net outgoing position at the end of the year. Improved controls have significantly reduced bad debts.

The combination of multiple years of net outgoings has had a detrimental impact upon reserves, but strategies have been implemented in 22-23 and the board are investigating other opportunities to improve the profitability. The budget for the next 12 months shows a small surplus, with the addition of depreciation there will be a cash surplus.

The group results for the year are detailed on page 14.

The School had no fundraising activities requiring disclosure under s162A of the Charities Act 2011.

Expenditure for the year includes £8,287 paid under a redundancy agreements.

Details of the School's funds and an analysis of the School's net assets between the funds are given in note 11.

Restricted funds of £39,380 are held for use on capital projects, increasing the Bursary Fund and other small projects designated by the donor.

Endowed Funds of £30,598 were previously held by St Hilary's School before its merger with Mount Carmel School and the subsequent formation of Alderley Edge School for Girls. The permitted use of the income from these funds is in accordance with the wishes of the original donors, being mainly the awarding of prizes and bursaries.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

The remaining unrestricted funds of £5,739,058 are required to cover the working capital of the School and to maintain the buildings to the high standards expected of a School of this standing.

The Governors continue to monitor the level of the various categories of funds in order to ensure that they are adequate to meet the charitable objectives of the School. Free reserves (calculated as unrestricted reserves less fixed assets) are £(331,488), (2021: £(83,325)). Free reserves totalling £250,000 are considered to be a suitable target by the Governors. The budget for the following two years ensures at least a breakeven position. This will result in an increase in free reserves and positive net current assets.

However, cash balances held are £615,388 (2021: £660,913). Capital expenditure is being carefully prioritised, until cash balances have improved. Governors would wish to build up a cash reserve of £1 million, in order to meet any potential future liabilities and to continue to operate efficiently. Governors will continue to monitor both the level of these reserves and the amount deemed sufficient on an annual basis.

FUTURE PLANS

The main objective for the future remains the maintaining of the high standard of education offered at the School.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Alderley Edge School for Girls is committed to the aim of providing public benefit, and the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's published guidance on public benefit.

The School would normally arrange and take part in many activities that provide benefit to the local community. These activities range from making School facilities available to other local Schools, to pupils visiting local care homes, to inviting local residents to attend pupil music and drama performances. The full list of these activities is recorded in a register maintained by the School. However, these have been largely curtailed in the year due to the impact of the pandemic and it is hoped that these will re-commence in the near future.

Scholarships and bursaries are offered at the discretion of the Governing Body, based on academic excellence, means testing for Bursary awards, and on the ongoing ability of the School to fund these awards.

The School awards means tested bursaries to pupils who would not otherwise be able to afford the school fees. The systems used to evaluate the means testing are reviewed continually and will continue to be developed as necessary.

During the year, the School awarded bursaries, scholarships and discounts totalling £692,814 (2021: £619,805). This figure includes means tested bursary awards.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Governing Body has ultimate responsibility for managing risk faced by the School.

The Governors continue to examine the principal areas of the school's operation and consider the major risks identified in each of these areas. The risk management process identifies risks, assesses their impact and likelihood and, where necessary, recommends controls to mitigate and monitor those risks that are assessed as high.

In the opinion of the Governors, the school has established resources and review systems which, under normal conditions, should allow these risks to be managed to an acceptable level in its day to day operations.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Governing Body consider the economic uncertainty and the ongoing recession to be the most significant cause for concern.

Governors met to consider the appropriateness of going concern as the basis of preparation of these and future financial statements. Governors examined a number of possible scenarios that consider our cash position, sources of income and planned expenditure. These scenarios consider reduced pupil numbers, delayed fee payments and potential bad debts, as well as the impact of rises in inflation. Sensitivity around these assumptions has also been considered in our forecasting. In-year performance against the budget for 2021-22 and the impact on the 2022-23 budget were also considered. The budget for 2022-23 predicts a small surplus, which is on track after the first term. The results of this scenario planning and analysis indicate that the cash reserves of the School are adequate to meet its ongoing obligations and therefore the governors continue to believe it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these financial statements.

Health and Safety in all Schools is always a significant area for risk management. The risks range from buildings and infrastructure risk through to personal risk. The level and breadth of activities within the School is enormous and the risks associated with all activities are minimised through planning and risk assessment.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The directors at the time when this Director's report is approved have confirmed that:

- so far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- they have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

Crowe U.K. LLP has expressed its willingness to be reappointed as statutory auditor.

This report, which incorporates the Strategic Report, was approved by the Board of Governors on 29 March 2023.



Mr K R Lowe
Chair of Governors

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STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The governors are responsible for preparing the Governors' Report & Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the governors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law.

Under company law the governors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The governors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company and group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



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Approved by the Board of Governors on 29 March 2023.

Alderley Edge School for Girls

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS'

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Alderley Edge School for Girls for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the Consolidated and School Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated and School Balance Sheets and the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of the group's income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the governors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the governors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Alderley Edge School for Girls

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS'

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Other information

The governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit

- the information given in the Annual Report of the Governors and Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Annual Report of the Governors and Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Annual Report of the Governors and Strategic Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS'

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Responsibilities of governors

As explained more fully in the governors' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the governors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the governors are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the group and charitable company operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the group and charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the group and charitable company for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations were The Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, Employment legislation and Health and Safety legislation.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS'

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

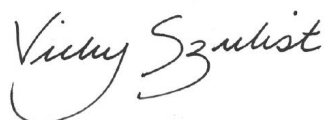
Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Governors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Finance Committee about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the Charity Commission, Independent Schools Inspectorate and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed



Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of

Crowe U.K. LLP

Statutory Auditor

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24th May 2023

Alderley Edge School for Girls

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b			5,088,705	5,088,705	4,856,614
Other ancillary income	1c			35,862	35,862	23,460
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a			160,734	160,734	69,902
Other activities				77,765	77,765	58,829
Government grant income						23,104
Investments						
Investment income	6			1,237	1,237	779
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		-	-	5,364,303	5,364,303	5,032,688
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Trading costs of the subsidiary	3			135,386	135,386	67,454
Fundraising costs	3			5,044	5,044	849
Financing costs	3			2,629	2,629	3,076
Drivers Salaries				20,712	20,712	18,293
		-	-	163,771	163,771	89,672
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs				3,653,743	3,653,743	3,392,355
Welfare				510,592	510,592	416,808
Premises				583,488	583,488	552,758
Support and governance				851,816	851,816	777,647
		-	-	5,599,639	5,599,639	5,139,568
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		-	-	5,763,410	5,763,410	5,229,240
FUND BALANCES						
At 1 September 2021		39,380	30,259	6,138,504	6,208,143	6,404,695
Net Outgoing Resources		-	-	(399,107)	(399,107)	(196,552)
Transfers between Funds		-	339	(339)	-	-
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2022		39,380	30,598	5,739,058	5,809,036	6,208,143

The school has no recognised gains or losses other than its surplus for the year. All activities in the year are classed as continuing.

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COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b			5,088,705	5,088,705	4,856,614
Other ancillary income	1c			35,862	35,862	23,460
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a			35,554	35,554	9,568
Other activities				77,765	77,765	62,229
Government grant income	1d					23,104
Investments						
Investment income	6			1,237	1,237	779
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		-	-	5,239,123	5,239,123	4,975,754
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Fundraising costs	3			5,044	5,044	849
Financing costs	3			2,629	2,629	3,076
Drivers Salaries				20,712	20,712	18,293
		-	-	28,385	28,385	22,218
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs				3,653,743	3,653,743	3,392,355
Welfare				510,592	510,592	416,808
Premises				583,488	583,488	552,758
Support and governance				851,816	851,816	777,647
		-	-	5,599,639	5,599,639	5,139,568
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		-	-	5,628,024	5,628,024	5,161,786
Fund Balances						
At 1 September 2021		39,380	30,259	6,141,754	6,211,393	6,397,425
Net Outgoing Resources		-	-	(388,901)	(388,901)	(186,032)
Transfers between Funds		-	339	(339)	-	-
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2022		39,380	30,598	5,752,514	5,822,492	6,211,393

The school has no recognised gains or losses other than its net result for the year. All activities in the year are classed as continuing.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

31 August 2022

Company Registration No: 2659703

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	7	6,070,549	6,221,829
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock – Finished goods		10,047	129,581
Debtors	9	181,048	264,528
Cash at bank and in hand		615,389	660,913
		<u>806,484</u>	<u>1,055,022</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,067,997)</u>	<u>(1,068,708)</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(261,513)	(13,686)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>5,809,036</u>	<u>6,208,143</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u><u>5,809,036</u></u>	<u><u>6,208,143</u></u>
Unrestricted funds:			
• General funds	11a	5,739,058	6,138,504
Restricted funds	11c	39,380	39,380
Endowed funds	11d	30,598	30,259
		<u>5,809,036</u>	<u>6,208,143</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Governors on 29 March 2023.



Mr K R Lowe
Chair of Governors

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Alderley Edge School for Girls

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

31 August 2022

Company Registration No: 2659703

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	7	6,070,549	6,221,829
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	262,050	331,766
Cash at bank and in hand		544,323	650,791
Stocks		10,047	7,951
		<u>816,420</u>	<u>990,508</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,064,477)</u>	<u>(1,000,944)</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(248,057)</u>	<u>(10,436)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>5,822,492</u>	<u>6,211,393</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u><u>5,822,492</u></u>	<u><u>6,211,393</u></u>
Unrestricted funds:			
• General funds	11a	5,752,514	6,141,754
Restricted funds	11c	39,380	39,380
Endowed funds	11d	30,598	30,259
		<u>5,822,492</u>	<u>6,211,393</u>

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CONSOLIDATED CASHFLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
NET CASH (INFLOW) FROM OPERATIONS	a	108,188	234,188
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received		1,237	779
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(154,950)	(203,699)
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(153,713)	(202,920)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR		(45,525)	31,268
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT START OF THE PERIOD		660,913	629,645
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	b	615,388	660,913

a) Reconciliation of net (outgoing) resources to net cash outflow from operating activities:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net outgoings	(399,107)	(196,552)
Depreciation	306,229	254,920
Interest receivable	(1,237)	(779)
(Increase)/decrease in stock	119,535	(80,582)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	93,577	116,004
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(10,809)	141,177
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	108,188	234,188

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CONSOLIDATED CASHFLOW STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

for the year ended 31 August 2022

b) Analysis of changes in net cash resources

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash at Bank	615,388	660,913
	615,388	660,913

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

for the year ended 31 August 2022

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - effective 1 January 2019.

The functional currency of the School is considered to be GBP because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the School operates.

The accounts are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting.

The School is a Public Benefit Entity registered as a charity in England and Wales and a company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 1st November 1991 (company number: 2659703) and registered as a charity on 6th December 1991 (charity number: 1006726). Details of the School's registered office can be found on page 2.

BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The accounts have been consolidated on a line by line basis to include the School's wholly owned non-charitable trading company subsidiary, A.E.S.G. Developments Limited.

The School has not taken advantage of the exemption available to a qualifying entity in FRS 102 from the requirement to present a charity only Cash Flow Statement with the consolidated financial statements.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided in order to write off each asset, less its estimated residual value, over their useful lives at the following rates:

Buildings	2%	straight line
Building improvements	2%	straight line
Plant and equipment	20%	straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20%	straight line
Computer equipment	20% - 33 ¹ / ₃ %	straight line

Capital items costing less than £250 are written off as an expense as acquired.

STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

LEASES

Where assets are financed by leasing agreements that give rights approximating to ownership ("finance lease"), the assets are treated as if they had been purchased outright. The amount capitalised is the present value of the minimum lease payments payable during the lease term. The corresponding leasing commitments are shown as obligations to the lessor.

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Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements, and the interest is charged to the profit and loss account in proportion to the remaining balance outstanding. All other leases are “operating leases” and the annual rentals are charged to profit and loss on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

INCOME

Income from School Fees represents fees earned in respect of tuition given during the year. Fees received in respect of tuition to be given after the year end are included in creditors as fees received in advance. Fees receivable are stated after deducting bursaries and scholarships granted by the school.

Scholarships and bursaries are awarded at the discretion of the Governing Body, based on academic excellence in the case of Scholarship awards, and are means tested for Bursary awards.

Other income, including legacies and donations, is accounted for as and when entitlement arises, the amount can be reliably quantified and the economic benefit to the School is considered probable. Legacies received in the form of property are credited at the lower of probate and market value.

Income from government grants is recognised when there is entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Where entitlements occurs before income is received, the income is accrued. Where income is received in advance of there being entitlement to the funds the income is deferred.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities. Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds. Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the objects of the School and include both direct costs and support costs relating to this activity. Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the School and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

TAXATION

The School is an exempt charity and benefits by being exempt from corporation tax on income it receives from tuition fees, interest and rents.

The School is exempt from levying VAT on services it provides to pupils. For this reason the School is generally unable to recover input VAT it suffers on goods and services purchased, which is therefore included in the cost of these goods and services.

The subsidiary, AESG Developments Ltd, is registered for VAT and so has a different accounting policy, with VAT being accounted for separately.

SCHOOL TRIPS

The School collects monies in respect of trips and pays these monies out in full. As these funds do not represent income for the School, they are not accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities.

PENSION SCHEME

The School contributes to the Teachers' Pension Defined Benefit Scheme at rates set by the Scheme Actuary and advised to the School by the Scheme Administrator. The Scheme is a multi-employer pension scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the Scheme which are attributable to the School. In accordance with FRS 102 the Scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme and contributions are accounted for when advised as due by the scheme Administrator.

The School also contributes to a group personal pension scheme for non-teaching staff. All non-teaching staff are eligible to take part.

This scheme is currently with Scottish Widows and is a defined contribution scheme.

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The School used to contribute to the Pensions Trust Growth Plan for many of the non-teaching staff. This is in most respects a money purchase arrangement, but does include certain guaranteed benefit elements.

The Plan is a multi-employer scheme as it is not possible in the normal course of events to identify the share of the underlying assets belonging to the individual participating employers and accordingly, in accordance with FRS 102, is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme with contributions being recorded as they become payable.

DONATIONS

Donations received for the general purposes of the school are credited to "other unrestricted funds". Donations subject to specific wishes of the donors are carried to relevant restricted funds.

FUND ACCOUNTING

The School has various types of funds for which it is responsible and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

Unrestricted funds	Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Governors in furtherance of the objects of the School. In addition to expenditure on tuition, such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.
Restricted funds	Donations or legacies received which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the School.
Designated funds	The School may at its discretion set aside funds for specific purposes which would otherwise form part of the general reserves of the School.
Endowment funds	Endowments funds are funds for which the Governors must maintain the capital element but the incoming resources derived from the underlying endowment fund assets can be spent.

INVESTMENTS

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost with the exception of investments which are held at fair value. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. A specific provision is made for debts for which recoverability is in doubt. Cash at bank and in hand is defined as all cash held in instant access bank accounts and used as working capital. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise all creditors except social security and other taxes and provisions.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the accounting policies, Trustees are required to make judgement, estimates, and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affected current and future periods.

In the view of the trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting assets or liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

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GOING CONCERN

The Directors have due regard for the going concern of the School. The School prepares a detailed budget for the 12 months ahead as well as more general longer-term financial projections. Actual performance is monitored termly and cash balances are monitored and reviewed daily.

A net current liability position is shown at the balance sheet date. However, the budget and projections for the current year and following year result in at least a breakeven position. There will be an increase in the cash surplus which will impact positively in moving the position back to positive net current assets. The Directors believe that the school's financial resources and contingency planning is sufficient to ensure the ability of the School to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future, being at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

1a ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Consolidated		School	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	29,671	2,420	29,671	2,420
Trading income	125,180	60,334	-	-
Hire of School premises	5,883	7,148	5,883	7,148
	<u>160,734</u>	<u>69,902</u>	<u>35,554</u>	<u>9,568</u>

The fundraising income includes £15,761 (2021 £709) donated from the Parents Association.

1b SCHOOL FEES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fees receivable consist of:		
Gross fees	5,781,519	5,476,419
Less: Bursaries, grants and allowances	(692,814)	(619,805)
	<u>5,088,705</u>	<u>4,856,614</u>

Scholarships, bursaries and other awards were paid to 271 pupils (2021: 209). Within this means-tested bursaries totalling £327,189 were paid to 45 pupils (2021: £322,557 to 48 pupils).

There were no bursaries or allowances paid from restricted funds. Nursery grants of £40,221 (2021: £45,404) were received from the government and paid out to parents.

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1c OTHER ANCILLARY INCOME

	2022 £	2021 £
Catering receipts	9,406	4,698
Other ancillary income	26,456	18,762
	<u>35,862</u>	<u>23,460</u>

Catering receipts are monies received from staff lunches and other ad hoc catering supplies to staff and pupils.

1d GOVERNMENT GRANT INCOME

	2022 £	2021 £
Furlough grant income	-	19,934
Other grants receivable	-	3,170
	<u>-</u>	<u>23,104</u>

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2 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2022 £	2021 £
Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:		
Charitable expenditure includes:		
Depreciation	294,682	254,921
Operating leases/rentals	10,200	10,200
Governance costs include:		
Auditors' remuneration	11,360	13,686
Staff costs comprise:		
Wages and salaries	3,051,588	2,978,894
Social security costs	307,706	283,385
Pension costs	536,464	522,446
	3,895,758	3,784,725
Aggregate employee – benefits of key management personnel	<u>247,137</u>	<u>201,742</u>

Wages and salaries include additional termination payments of £20,000.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 No	2021 No
Teaching staff	63	63
Premises and grounds	4	3
Administration	17	17
Other	28	31
	112	114

The average numbers employed by the school during the year calculated on a full-time equivalent basis was:

	2022 No	2021 No
Teaching staff	53	50
Premises and grounds	3.5	3
Administration	12	14
Other	18	16
	86.5	83

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Neither the governors nor persons connected with them received any remuneration, other benefits or reimbursed expenses from the school or any connected organisation.

	2022 No	2021 No
The number of employees whose income exceeded £60,000 was:		
£90,001 to £100,000	1	0
£80,001 to £90,000	0	1
£60,001 to £70,000	1	1

Included in the above higher paid employees was 1 employee (2021: 1) accruing pension benefits under a defined benefit scheme and 1 employee (2021: 1) accruing benefits under a money purchase pension scheme. The aggregate employer pension contributions for the year was £25,308 (2021: £25,221).

3 ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff Costs £	Other £	Depreciation £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS					
Trading costs of the subsidiary	7,185	128,201	-	135,386	67,454
Fundraising costs	-	5,044	-	5,044	849
Drivers Salaries	20,712	-	-	20,712	18,293
Financing costs	-	2,629	-	2,629	3,076
	<u>27,897</u>	<u>135,874</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,771</u>	<u>89,672</u>
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES – SCHOOL OPERATING COSTS					
Teaching costs	3,308,792	242,328	102,623	3,653,743	3,392,355
Welfare	56,766	443,474	10,352	510,592	416,808
Premises	78,987	322,486	182,015	583,488	552,758
Support and governance	351,360	489,216	11,240	851,816	777,647
	<u>3,795,905</u>	<u>1,497,504</u>	<u>306,230</u>	<u>5,599,639</u>	<u>5,139,568</u>
TOTAL	<u>3,823,802</u>	<u>1,633,378</u>	<u>306,230</u>	<u>5,763,410</u>	<u>5,229,240</u>

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Support and governance costs may be split as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff Costs	441,165	463,060
Marketing	67,160	75,740
Recruitment and Training	48,419	23,762
Legal, Professional and other Fees	36,327	26,209
Depreciation	11,240	13,940
Stationery, postage and telephone	46,459	40,770
Insurances	46,942	46,244
Bad Debt Written Off	83,458	28,755
Computing Costs	16,660	3,661
Sundry other Costs	42,626	36,020
Audit and Accountancy	11,360	13,686
Headteacher Recruitment	-	5,800
TOTAL	<u>851,816</u>	<u>777,647</u>

4 FINANCING COSTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank charges	2,629	3,076
	<u>2,629</u>	<u>3,076</u>

5 TAXATION

As the school is a registered charity, no provision is required for corporation tax.

6 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank interest receivable	1,237	779
	<u>1,237</u>	<u>779</u>

Alderley Edge School for Girls

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for the year ended 31 August 2022

7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Consolidated and School	Freehold land & buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures, fittings & computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 September 2021	7,676,660	385,666	1,449,161	9,511,487
Additions	55,764	6,907	92,279	154,950
Disposals	-	-	(53,827)	(53,827)
As at 31 August 2022	7,732,424	392,573	1,487,613	9,612,610
Depreciation				
As at 1 September 2021	1,719,689	334,108	1,235,861	3,289,658
Charge for the year	174,203	18,840	113,186	306,229
Disposals	-	-	(53,827)	(53,827)
As at 31 August 2022	1,893,892	352,948	1,295,220	3,542,060
Net Book Value				
As at 31 August 2022	5,838,532	39,624	192,393	6,070,549
As at 31 August 2021	5,956,971	51,558	213,300	6,221,829

8 AESG DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

AESG Developments Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alderley Edge School for Girls, and whose company number is 05213539. The company is registered in England. AESG Developments Limited runs the school uniform shop at Alderley Edge School for Girls.

Any taxable profit is transferred as gift aid to Alderley Edge School for Girls. Summaries of the trading results and balance sheet are shown below. Accounts will be filed with the Registrar of Companies.

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for the year ended 31 August 2022

i) Profit and Loss account for the period to 31 August 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover	125,180	60,334
Cost of sales	(122,746)	(45,482)
Gross profit	2,434	14,852
Administrative expenses	(11,810)	(21,635)
Operating (loss) / surplus	(9,376)	(6,783)
Interest payable and similar charges	(830)	(337)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(10,206)	(7,120)
Gift aid payment to AESG	-	(3,399)
Retained (loss) / surplus	(10,206)	(10,519)

ii) Balance Sheet at 31 August 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Stock	-	121,633
Debtors	3,641	8,054
Bank and cash	71,067	10,122
Net current assets	74,708	139,809
Creditors	(88,161)	(143,056)
Net current liabilities	(13,453)	(3,247)
Net liabilities	(13,453)	(3,247)
Share capital	1	1
Retained profits	(13,454)	(3,248)
	(13,453)	(3,247)

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9 DEBTORS

	Consolidated		School	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Fee debtors	194,005	179,894	194,005	171,840
Less: Bad debt provision	(97,432)	(17,869)	(97,432)	(17,869)
	<u>96,573</u>	<u>162,025</u>	<u>96,573</u>	<u>153,971</u>
Prepayments and accrued income	84,475	102,503	80,837	102,503
Amounts owed by AESG Developments Limited	-	-	84,640	75,292
	<u>181,048</u>	<u>264,528</u>	<u>262,050</u>	<u>331,766</u>

Amounts owed by AESG Developments Limited are repayable when cash surpluses allow, or on demand. Interest on the balance outstanding is charged at base rate.

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10 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	Consolidated		School	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Trade Creditors	186,681	293,912	185,661	228,648
Accruals and deferred income	33,461	27,299	30,961	27,299
Other creditors	773,025	673,640	773,025	671,140
Other taxes and social security costs	74,830	73,857	74,830	73,857
	<u>1,067,997</u>	<u>1,068,708</u>	<u>1,064,477</u>	<u>1,000,944</u>

Deferred Income transactions are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deferred Income as at 1 September 2021	9,738	5,199
Released from Prior Year	(9,738)	(5,199)
Deferred in the Year	=	<u>9,738</u>
Deferred Income as at 31 August 2022	=	<u>9,738</u>

Deferred Income comprises nursery grant income received in advance of the 2022-23 financial year to which it relates.

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11 ALLOCATION OF THE CHARITY NET ASSETS

Consolidated	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2022 £
The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:			
Unrestricted funds (11a)	6,000,571	(261,513)	5,739,058
Designated funds (11b)	-	-	-
Restricted funds (11c)	39,380	-	39,380
Endowed funds (11d)	30,598	-	30,598
	<u>6,070,549</u>	<u>(261,513)</u>	<u>5,809,036</u>
School	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets £	Total 2022 £
Unrestricted funds (11a)	6,000,571	(248,057)	5,752,514
Designated funds (11b)	-	-	-
Restricted funds (11c)	39,380	-	39,380
Endowed funds (11d)	30,598	-	30,598
	<u>6,070,549</u>	<u>(248,057)</u>	<u>5,822,492</u>
Consolidated	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2021 £
The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:			
Unrestricted funds (11a)	6,152,190	(13,686)	6,138,504
Designated funds (11b)	-	-	-
Restricted funds (11c)	39,380	-	39,380
Endowed funds (11d)	30,259	-	30,259
	<u>6,221,829</u>	<u>(13,686)</u>	<u>6,208,143</u>

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11 ALLOCATION OF THE CHARITY NET ASSETS Continued

School	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets £	2022 Total £
Unrestricted funds (11a)	6,152,190	(10,436)	6,141,754
Designated funds (11b)	-	-	-
Restricted funds (11c)	39,380	-	39,380
Endowed funds (11d)	30,259	-	30,259
	<u>6,221,829</u>	<u>(10,436)</u>	<u>6,211,393</u>

11a UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Consolidated		School	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Balance brought forward 1 September 2021	6,138,504	5,634,670	6,141,754	5,627,400
Net movement on fund	(399,107)	(196,552)	(388,901)	(186,032)
Transfer from restricted funds	-	150,700	-	150,700
Transfer from designated funds	-	550,000	-	550,000
Transfer to endowed funds	(339)	(314)	(339)	(314)
Balance carried forward 31 August 2022	<u>5,739,058</u>	<u>6,138,504</u>	<u>5,752,514</u>	<u>6,141,754</u>

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11b DESIGNATED FUNDS

Consolidated and School	2022 £	2021 £
Balance brought forward 1 September 2021	-	550,000
Transfer to unrestricted funds	-	(550,000)
Balance carried forward 31 August 2022	-	-

Funds were initially designated in 2019-20 for sports development and but the project has been cancelled and so balance is released to Unrestricted Funds.

11c RESTRICTED FUNDS

Consolidated and School

	At 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 August 2022 £
P A monies	-	-	-	-	-
Millennium appeal	10,344	-	-	-	10,344
Merger balances	9,404	-	-	-	9,404
Bursary Fund	19,632	-	-	-	19,632
Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Ltd	-	-	-	-	-
Library Development	-	-	-	-	-
	39,380	-	-	-	39,380
	At 1 September 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 August 2021 £
P A monies	-	709	(709)	-	-
Millennium appeal	10,344	-	-	-	10,344
Merger balances	9,404	-	-	-	9,404
Bursary Fund	19,632	-	-	-	19,632
Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Ltd	80,000	-	-	(80,000)	-
Library Development	70,700	-	-	(70,700)	-
	190,080	709	(709)	(150,700)	39,380

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The PA monies are amounts received from the Parents' Association.

The Millennium appeal was a fund-raising project to raise funds for major capital expenditure.

Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited arises from assets passed over to AESG at the time of the merger. Repayment is only required in the event of the winding up of the school, as per Note 16, so this has been transferred to unrestricted funds.

The Bursary Fund aims to provide bursary assistance to families who cannot meet the full School fees.

11d ENDOWED FUNDS

Consolidated and School

At 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 August 2022 £
30,259	-	-	339	30,598
At 1 September 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 August 2021 £
29,945	-	-	314	30,259

These funds represent Endowed Funds previously held by St Hilary's School before its merger with Mount Carmel School and the subsequent formation of Alderley Edge School for Girls.

The permitted use of the income from these funds is in accordance with the wishes of the original donors, being mainly the awarding of prizes and bursaries.

12 OTHER OPERATING CHARGES

At 31 August 2022 the future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	13,857	15,599
Within two to five years	40,800	44,457
Over five years	646,578	656,778
	<u>701,235</u>	<u>716,834</u>

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13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Financial assets measured at amortised cost (a)	717,403	851,123
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost (b)	1,057,897	1,068,708
	_____	_____
Net financial assets measured at amortised cost	(340,494)	(217,585)
	_____	_____

The amount of stocks recognised in the SOFA is £0 (2021: £121,633)

(a) Financial assets include cash, fee debtors, other debtors and accrued income

(b) Financial liabilities include accruals, amounts due to The Sisters of St Joseph, trade creditors and other creditors

Impairment losses charged to financial assets measured at amortised cost in the year amounted to £80,545 (2021 £28,755). Impairment losses arise from bad debt provision.

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14 PENSION SCHEMES

Teachers' Pensions

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £493,954 (2021: £479,481) and at the year-end £0 (2020 - £Nil) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2016 and the Valuation Report, which was published in March 2019, confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 16.4% to 23.6% from 1 September 2019. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 23.68%.

The 31 March 2016 Valuation Report was prepared in accordance with the benefits set out in the scheme regulations and under the approach specified in the Directions, as they applied at 5 March 2019. However, the assumptions were considered and set by the Department for Education prior to the ruling in the 'McCloud/Sargeant case'. This case has required the courts to consider cases regarding the implementation of the 2015 reforms to Public Service Pensions including the Teachers' Pensions.

On 27 June 2019 the Supreme Court denied the government permission to appeal the Court of Appeal's judgment that transitional provisions introduced to the reformed pension schemes in 2015 gave rise to unlawful age discrimination. The government is respecting the Court's decision and has said it will engage fully with the Employment Tribunal as well as employer and member representatives to agree how the discriminations will be remedied. The Government announced on 4 February 2021 that it intends to proceed with a deferred choice underpin under which members will be able to choose either legacy or reformed scheme benefits in respect of their service during the period between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2022 at the point they become payable.

The TPS is subject to a cost cap mechanism which was put in place to protect taxpayers against unforeseen changes in scheme costs. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, having in 2018 announced that there would be a review of this cost cap mechanism, in January 2019 announced a pause to the cost cap mechanism following the Court of Appeal's ruling in the McCloud/Sargeant case and until there is certainty about the value of pensions to employees from April 2015 onwards. The pause was lifted in July 2020 and a consultation was launched on 24 June on proposed changes to the cost control mechanism following a review by the Government Actuary. Following a public consultation, the Government have accepted three key proposals recommended by the Actuary and are aiming to implement these changes in time for the 2020 valuations.

In view of the above rulings and decisions the assumptions used in the 31 March 2016 Actuarial Valuation may become inappropriate. In this scenario, a valuation prepared in accordance with revised benefits and suitably revised assumptions would yield different results than those contained in the Actuarial Valuation.

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Until it is not possible to conclude on any financial impact or future changes to the contribution rates of the TPS. Accordingly, no provision for any additional past benefit pension costs is included in these financial statements.

Support Staff Pensions

Following advice received from pension consultants, and after discussion with staff, the decision was taken to leave the Pensions Trust Scheme. With effect from October 2018, the School established a new Group Personal Pension Scheme with Scottish Widows. Contributions to The Pensions Trust ceased from this point and commenced with Scottish Widows, although staff have the option of maintaining a pension with The Pension Trust or transferring their pension value to Scottish Widows.

Alderley Edge School for Girls paid contributions at the rate of 6% and totalling £42,510 (2021 £42,965) during the accounting period. Members paid contributions at a minimum rate of 3% during the accounting period. As at the balance sheet date there were 36 active members of the Scottish Widows scheme employed by Alderley Edge School for Girls.

Pension costs for both schemes are met from unrestricted funds.

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15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Mount Carmel and St Hilary's Schools merged with effect from September 1999 and became Alderley Edge School for Girls. St Hilary's School was part of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited and Mount Carmel was founded by The Sisters of St Joseph. Certain loans have been made to the merged School by these organisations to assist with the merger, as disclosed in notes 10, 11 and 12. These loans, as of October 2020, have been paid in full.

The Sisters of St Joseph nominate a governor to the Board – this is currently Mrs R. Price. Rent of £10,200 per annum is also paid to The Sisters for use of tennis courts at Ryleys Lane. Woodard Schools also nominate a governor to the Board – this is currently Mr C Wright.

16 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A legal mortgage of £1.08m was entered into during the year ended 31 August 2001 in favour of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited. This mortgage is only repayable in the event of the winding up of the School.

17 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have not been any post balance sheet events of material value.

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19 CONSOLIDATED SOFA – COMPARATIVE FIGURES BY FUND TYPE

		Restricted	Endowed	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Note	Funds £	Funds £	Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities				5,088,705	5,088,705	4,856,614
School fees	1b	-	-	35,862	35,862	23,460
Other ancillary income	1c	-	-			
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a	-	-	160,734	160,734	69,902
Other activities			-	77,765	77,765	58,829
Government Grant Income				-	-	23,104
Investments						
Investment income	6			1,237	1,237	779
		-	-			
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,364,303</u>	<u>5,364,303</u>	<u>5,032,688</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Trading costs of the subsidiary	8	-	-	135,386	135,386	67,454
Fundraising costs		-	-	5,044	5,044	849
Drivers Salaries				20,712	20,712	18,293
Financing costs	4	-	-	2,629	2,629	3,076
	3	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,771</u>	<u>163,771</u>	<u>89,672</u>
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs		-	-	3,653,743	3,653,743	3,392,355
Welfare		-	-	510,592	510,592	416,808
Premises		-	-	583,488	583,488	552,758
Support and governance		-	-	851,816	851,816	777,647
	3	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,599,639</u>	<u>5,599,639</u>	<u>5,139,568</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,763,410</u>	<u>5,763,410</u>	<u>5,229,240</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES				(399,107)	(399,107)	(196,552)
Transfers between funds		-	339	(339)		-
Fund balances						
At 1 September 2021		39,380	30,259	6,138,504	6,208,143	6,404,695
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2022		<u>39,380</u>	<u>30,598</u>	<u>5,739,058</u>	<u>5,809,036</u>	<u>6,208,143</u>

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19 COMPANY SOFA – COMPARATIVE FIGURES BY FUND TYPE

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b	-	-	5,088,705	5,088,705	4,856,614
Other ancillary income	1c	-	-	35,862	35,862	23,460
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a	-	-	35,554	35,554	9,568
Other activities		-	-	77,765	77,765	62,229
Government Grants		-	-	-	-	23,104
Investments						
Investment income	6	-	-	1,237	1,237	779
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		-	-	5,239,123	5,239,123	4,975,754
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Fundraising costs		-	-	5,044	5,044	849
Drivers Salaries		-	-	20,712	20,712	18,293
Financing costs	4	-	-	2,629	2,629	3,076
	3	-	-	28,385	28,385	22,218
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs		-	-	3,653,743	3,653,743	3,392,355
Welfare		-	-	510,592	510,592	416,808
Premises		-	-	583,488	583,488	552,758
Support and governance		-	-	851,816	851,816	777,647
	3	-	-	5,599,639	5,599,639	5,139,568
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		-	-	5,628,024	5,628,024	5,161,786
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		-		(388,901)	(388,901)	(186,032)
Transfers between funds			339	(339)		-
At 1 September 2021		39,380	30,259	6,141,754	6,211,393	6,407,945
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2022		39,380	30,598	5,752,514	5,822,492	6,221,913

Accounts

Company number: 2659703
Charity number: 1006726

Alderley Edge School for Girls
(A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee)
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(CONSOLIDATED WITH AESG DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED)
For the year ended 31 August 2021

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

DIRECTORS, GOVERNORS & TRUSTEES

The present directors of the company, who are also charity trustees and school governors, and also any ex-directors who served during the year, are as follows:

Mr K R Lowe (Chairman)
Mrs A Bradbury (appointed 09 February 2022)
Mr G Bryant
The Revd. Canon B Clover (retired 11 April 2021)
Ms K Doyle (retired 06 January 2021)
Mrs A S Herring
Mrs C Lowe
Dr R Nolan
Mrs T Pollard
Mrs R Price
Mrs J Rostron
Mrs D Summerfield (resigned 03 May 2022)
Mr C Trueman
Mrs E Turner-Hill (appointed 09 February 2022)
Mr C Wright (appointed 12 April 2021)

BURSAR AND CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

Mr S J Malkin (resigned 22 April 2022)
Mrs P McGill (appointed 03 May 2022)

HEADMISTRESS

Mrs N Smillie (appointed 01 September 2020)

The Headmistress and Bursar are considered to be the School's key management personnel. Their remuneration is set annually by the Chair of Governors and Chair of the Finance Committee.

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SCHOOL INFORMATION *(continued)*

COMPANY NUMBER

2659703

CHARITY NUMBER

1006726

REGISTERED OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Wilmslow Road
Alderley Edge
Cheshire
SK9 7QE

BANKERS

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GOVERNING SUB COMMITTEES

Appeal Committee

Mr K R Lowe (Chairman)
Mrs A S Herring
Dr R Nolan

Curriculum Committee

Mrs T Pollard (Chairman)
Mrs A S Herring
Mrs C Lowe
Mrs J Rostron
Mr C Trueman

Finance and Premises Committee

Mr C Trueman (Chairman)
Mr G Bryant
Mrs A S Herring
Mr K R Lowe
Dr R Nolan

Marketing and Development Committee

Mr K R Lowe (Chairman)
Mrs J Rostron

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT

The governors have pleasure in presenting their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2021 under the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, together with the audited financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, FRS102 and the Charities SORP 2019.

GOVERNORS' REPORT

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The school is a registered charity and was incorporated in 1991 as a company limited by guarantee, with the liability of its members limited to £1 each.

The Registered Charity number is 1006726 and Company number is 2659703.

The principal address / registered office is stated on page 2.

Governors

The governors, who are also directors of the company and trustees of the charity, are listed on page 1.

Governors are appointed by the Board of Governors.

Key personnel and professional advisers

The key personnel and professional advisers of the School are listed on pages 1 & 2.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The School is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, last amended by special resolution on 10 February 2021, to reflect changes in the status of the Sisters of St Joseph.

Trustee training

New governors are introduced to the workings of the School, the Company and Charity at an induction meeting arranged by the Chairman of Governors, the Headmistress and the Bursar. Copies of appropriate documents are provided, as is on-going training for all governors.

Organisational management

The Governing Body meets six times each year, and determines the general policy of the school. The day to day management of the school is delegated to the Headmistress and the Bursar.

Group structure and relationships

The School has a wholly owned non-charitable trading company subsidiary, A.E.S.G. Developments Limited. This trading subsidiary runs the School Uniform shop, and its results are consolidated with those of the School.

Mount Carmel and St Hilary's Schools merged with effect from September 1999 and became Alderley Edge School for Girls. St Hilary's School was part of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited and Mount Carmel was founded by The Sisters of St Joseph. The School's continued association with these two charitable organisations forms the basis of its ecumenical ethos.

The School is also an active member of the following:

I.S.C. The Independent Schools Council.

G.S.A. The Girls' School Association.

A.J.I.S. The Association of Junior Independent Schools.

I.S.A. The Independent Schools Association.

A.G.B.I.S. The Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools.

I.S.B.A. The Independent Schools' Bursars Association.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

STRATEGIC REPORT

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal activity continued to be the operation of an independent day school for girls.

Aims of the School

We are an **academic** school, and we aim to ensure that every girl is a diligent and confident learner who achieves her full academic potential. Our broad, rich and balanced curriculum maximises opportunities for the girls to excel, with excellent teaching and high expectations in the classroom. Close monitoring and regular assessments, combined with knowing each girl as an individual, ensure that she is stretched, challenged and motivated to succeed. By providing a stimulating, challenging and exciting learning environment we aim to develop independent learners with inquiring minds, a thirst for knowledge and passion for lifelong learning.

We provide an **enrichment** programme which offers a huge range of opportunities for girls to achieve outside the classroom. Whether it be through sport, music, drama, public speaking, subject specific activities, Duke of Edinburgh or Community Service, girls can – and do – succeed. Girls develop important skills for life and become interested, aware and empathetic, showing a genuine concern for others and are keen to do all they can to make this a better world, both locally and globally.

We are proud of our Christian foundation which encourages girls to explore their **spirituality**, within a supportive, open and accepting environment. We are a Christian school and happily welcome others who share our values. We aim to ensure that all girls develop empathy for others and a strong moral compass based on Christian principles. Our supportive, pro-active pastoral care ensures that girls feel they belong to the school community and treat others with respect.

Our aim is to educate **girls** aged 2 to 18 within a positive, empowering environment which encourages them to think creatively, aim high and play an active part within the school community. We value the importance of an all-girls' education and all the benefits this brings them. There are numerous opportunities for girls to develop both team working and leadership skills and to help guide the school and their peers forward. In this way they learn important life skills which prepare them for the world of work and they leave us as impressive young women who make a difference.

Objectives for the year

This year has seen us continue to build on the recent academic successes of the School and sustain our high academic expectations of all our pupils so that they achieve their potential. Mentoring opportunities and focusing on a variety of teaching and learning strategies have enabled staff to build on such academic success. Focus on retrieval techniques in order to enhance revision skills and the development of strategies which focus on key characteristics so important for learning, such as resilience and collaboration, have seen the School develop a learner profile for full implementation from September 2020. Our commitment to providing a holistic education continues with the focus on academic success but, also, the individual happiness and nurturing of each individual child so that they feel valued within our School community. Furthermore, we continue to build on our alumnae links and welcome past members of our community into school regularly to talk to current pupils about their careers. We are delighted that such links have grown over recent years, and have survived the effects of lockdowns imposed during the year due to the pandemic.

The School continues to excel in sport across all ages even though fixtures in the year have been severely curtailed by the impact of the pandemic. We aim to cater for pupils' interests outside the classroom as far as possible and this year has seen new sporting clubs such as basketball as well as the development of those already existing, including trampolining, climbing and badminton.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

The School continues to support local and national charities and sustains its commitment as far as possible, even though visits to local charities have been restricted in the year, to providing bursaries so that sufficiently able pupils are able to join the school when their families do not have the financial means to fund their place. We have completed our first capital fundraising project this year which has focused on refurbishing both Junior and Senior libraries, with both facilities now much improved. Not only does this project aim to reflect the high value we place on reading but we also sought to provide a modern space in which pupils can work, research and further their love of learning.

Our examination results continue to improve and our value added is a very impressive aspect of our school success. Our results in the summer 2021 examinations (measured by teacher assessed grades instead of public examinations) despite the current pandemic and its impact on teaching and learning, continued to reflect the successes of previous years. At A-level, with 31% of our pupils achieving grades at A* and 82% of grades at A*-B, a well-deserved achievement that reflects their commitment and dedication to their studies over the two years. For GCSE examinations, 21% of grades awarded are at the very highest grade 9 and 96% of all grades were at grade 5 or above. Both sets of results continue the upward trend in recent years and our high value-added scores (0.43 at A-Level and 0.4 at GCSE) compare very well to our local competitors. The School is very proud of its exam cohorts, in the character shown when they were unable to take their final examinations in the way they would have wanted after working so hard. We know that they will all go on to achieve success in their future.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The group's net outgoing resources for the year amounted to £196,552 (2020 net outgoing: £124,077). Pupil numbers declined in the 2019-20 academic year, and remained at this lower level during 2020-21. The impact of a pupil roll less than budgeted, together with additional discounts to assist parents, and some areas of higher than budgeted expenditure have all contributed to the net outgoing position at the end of the year. The combination of multiple years of net outgoings has had a detrimental impact upon reserves, but further steps are being taken in 2021-22 to address the net outgoings.

The School has invested just over £200,000 in fixed assets in the year and this, in conjunction with a reduction of just over £116,000 in debtor balances and an increase of over £141,000 in creditor balances from the previous year end, as well as an increase of over £80,000 in stocks, has led to a small increase in cash balances held. The repayment of the School's long-term loan, which finished in October 2020, will have a positive impact on future cash flows.

The group results for the year are detailed on page 14.

The School had no fundraising activities requiring disclosure under s162A of the Charities Act 2011.

Expenditure for the year includes £5,918 paid under a redundancy agreement to a member of staff.

Details of the School's funds and an analysis of the School's net assets between the funds are given in note 11.

Restricted funds of £39,380 are held for use on capital projects, increasing the Bursary Fund and other small projects designated by the donor. The sum of £80,000 was held re capital items provided by Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited, at the time of merger, but this has now been released to Unrestricted Funds, in line with the point raised in Note 17. A further balance of £70,700, held for the purpose of funding the Library redevelopments has also been released to Unrestricted Funds, following the completion of this project.

Endowed Funds of £30,259 were previously held by St Hilary's School before its merger with Mount Carmel School and the subsequent formation of Alderley Edge School for Girls. The permitted use of the income from these funds is in accordance with the wishes of the original donors, being mainly the awarding of prizes and bursaries.

Designated funds of £550,000 were to be used for the significant improvement of the sports facilities but these plans were put on hold by Governors and this amount has also now been released to Unrestricted Funds.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

The remaining unrestricted funds of £6,138,504 are required to cover the working capital of the School and to maintain the buildings to the high standards expected of a School of this standing.

The Governors continue to monitor the level of the various categories of funds in order to ensure that they are adequate to meet the charitable objectives of the School. Free reserves (calculated as unrestricted reserves less fixed assets) are £(83,325), (2020: £(88,380)). Free reserves totalling £250,000 are considered to be a suitable target by the Governors.

However, cash balances held are £660,913 (2020: £629,645). As noted above, Governors have agreed to place on hold the planned further development of sports facilities on the site, until cash balances have improved. Governors would wish to build up a cash reserve of £1 million, in order to meet any potential future liabilities and to continue to operate efficiently. Governors will continue to monitor both the level of these reserves and the amount deemed sufficient on an annual basis.

FUTURE PLANS

The main objective for the future remains the maintaining of the high standard of education offered at the School.

In order to assist with this main objective, significant investment has been made in the facilities provided, including major upgrading of sports facilities, over the last four years. A period of consolidation, but whilst still retaining refurbishment projects undertaken during the School summer holiday period, will now be undertaken thereby allowing continued enhancement of School facilities.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Alderley Edge School for Girls is committed to the aim of providing public benefit, and the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's published guidance on public benefit.

The School would normally arrange and take part in many activities that provide benefit to the local community. These activities range from making School facilities available to other local Schools, to pupils visiting local care homes, to inviting local residents to attend pupil music and drama performances. The full list of these activities is recorded in a register maintained by the School. However, these have been largely curtailed in the year due to the impact of the pandemic and it is hoped that these will re-commence in the near future.

Scholarships and bursaries are offered at the discretion of the Governing Body, based on academic excellence, means testing for Bursary awards, and on the ongoing ability of the School to fund these awards.

The School awards means tested bursaries to pupils who would not otherwise be able to afford the school fees. The systems used to evaluate the means testing are reviewed continually and will continue to be developed as necessary.

During the year, the School awarded bursaries, scholarships and discounts totalling £619,805 (2020: £654,656). This figure includes means tested bursary awards.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Governing Body has ultimate responsibility for managing risk faced by the School.

The Governors continue to examine the principal areas of the school's operation and consider the major risks identified in each of these areas. The risk management process identifies risks, assesses their impact and likelihood and, where necessary, recommends controls to mitigate and monitor those risks that are assessed as high.

In the opinion of the Governors, the school has established resources and review systems which, under normal conditions, should allow these risks to be managed to an acceptable level in its day to day operations.

Alderley Edge School for Girls

GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Governing Body had considered the economic uncertainty and the ongoing recession to be the most significant cause for concern. However, the global coronavirus pandemic, commencing early in 2020 has supplanted that. Schools were closed, nationally, in March 2020 and only partially re-opened in the 2020-21 academic year. Lessons for pupils continued via online provision using a range of software and allowed the original daily timetable to continue on a virtual basis.

The School provided rebates on tuition fees based upon savings identified from the reduced operational levels of the School during this period (including the furloughing of some support staff). Fee increases for the 2020-21 academic year were also delayed until January 2021. The pandemic and its impact on the economy led to reduced fee income which contributed significantly to the overall financial position.

Governors met to again consider the appropriateness of going concern as the basis of preparation of these and future financial statements. Governors examined a number of possible scenarios that consider our cash position, sources of income and planned expenditure. These scenarios consider reduced pupil numbers, delayed fee payments, reduced fees and potential bad debts, as well as the impact on costs from the measures taken so far. Sensitivity around these assumptions has also been considered in our forecasting. In-year performance against the budget for 2020-21 and the impact on the 2021-22 budget were also considered. The results of this scenario planning and analysis indicate that the reserves of the School are adequate to meet its ongoing obligations and therefore the governors continue to believe it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these financial statements.

Health and Safety in all Schools is always a significant area for risk management. The risks range from buildings and infrastructure risk through to personal risk. The level and breadth of activities within the School is enormous and the risks associated with all activities are minimised through planning and risk assessment.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The directors at the time when this Director's report is approved have confirmed that:

- so far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- they have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

Crowe U.K. LLP has expressed its willingness to be reappointed as statutory auditor.

This report, which incorporates the Strategic Report, was approved by the Board of Governors on 18 May 2022:



Mr K R Lowe
Chair of Governors

Alderley Edge School for Girls
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STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The governors are responsible for preparing the Governors' Report & Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the governors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law.

Under company law the governors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The governors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company and group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



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Approved by the Board of Governors on 18 May 2022.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS' FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Alderley Edge School for Girls for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Consolidated and School Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated and School Balance Sheets and the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of the group's income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the governors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the governors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Alderley Edge School for Girls

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS' FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Other information

The governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit

- the information given in the Annual Report of the Governors and Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Annual Report of the Governors and Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Annual Report of the Governors and Strategic Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS' FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Responsibilities of governors

As explained more fully in the governors' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the governors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the governors are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the group and charitable company operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the group and charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the group and charitable company for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations were The Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, Employment legislation and Health and Safety legislation.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS' FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Governors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing of recognition of other income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Finance Committee about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the Charity Commission, Independent Schools Inspectorate and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

Vicky Szulist

Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of

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Statutory Auditor

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18 May 2022

Alderley Edge School for Girls

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b			4,856,614	4,856,614	5,030,683
Other ancillary income	1c			23,460	23,460	29,565
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a	709		69,193	69,902	111,689
Other activities				58,829	58,829	129,739
Government grant income				23,104	23,104	71,507
Investments						
Investment income	6			779	779	3,149
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		709	-	5,031,979	5,032,688	5,376,331
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Trading costs of the subsidiary	3			67,454	67,454	61,205
Fundraising costs	3			849	849	7,505
Financing costs	3			3,076	3,076	3,541
		-	-	71,379	71,379	72,251
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs		709		3,391,646	3,392,355	3,608,813
Welfare				416,808	416,808	373,117
Premises				571,051	571,051	558,747
Support and governance				777,647	777,647	887,480
		709	-	5,157,152	5,157,861	5,428,157
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		709	-	5,228,531	5,229,240	5,500,408
Fund Balances						
At 1 September 2020		190,080	29,945	6,184,670	6,404,695	6,528,772
Net Outgoing Resources		-	-	(196,552)	(196,552)	(124,077)
Transfers between Funds		(150,700)	314	150,386	-	-
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2021		39,380	30,259	6,138,504	6,208,143	6,404,695

The school has no recognised gains or losses other than its surplus for the year. All activities in the year are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 23 to 41 form part of these accounts.

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COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b			4,856,614	4,856,614	5,030,683
Other ancillary income	1c			23,460	23,460	29,565
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a	709		8,859	9,568	47,085
Other activities				62,229	62,229	137,918
Government grant income	1d			23,104	23,104	71,507
Investments						
Investment income	6			779	779	3,149
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>709</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,975,045</u>	<u>4,975,754</u>	<u>5,319,907</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Fundraising costs	3			849	849	7,505
Financing costs	3			3,076	3,076	3,541
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,925</u>	<u>3,925</u>	<u>11,046</u>
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs		709		3,391,646	3,392,355	3,608,813
Welfare				416,808	416,808	373,117
Premises				571,051	571,051	558,747
Support and governance				777,647	777,647	887,480
		<u>709</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,157,152</u>	<u>5,157,861</u>	<u>5,428,157</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>709</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,161,077</u>	<u>5,161,786</u>	<u>5,439,203</u>
Fund Balances						
At 1 September 2020		190,080	29,945	6,177,400	6,397,425	6,516,720
Net Outgoing Resources		-	-	(186,032)	(186,032)	(119,295)
Transfers between Funds		(150,700)	314	150,386	-	-
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2021		<u>39,380</u>	<u>30,259</u>	<u>6,141,754</u>	<u>6,211,393</u>	<u>6,397,425</u>

The school has no recognised gains or losses other than its net result for the year. All activities in the year are classed as continuing.

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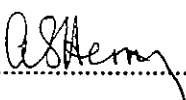
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

31 August 2021

Company Registration No: 2659703

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	7		6,221,829		6,273,050
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock – Finished goods		129,581		48,999	
Debtors	9	264,528		380,532	
Cash at bank and in hand		660,913		629,645	
		<u>1,055,022</u>		<u>1,059,176</u>	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,068,708)		(927,531)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			(13,686)		131,645
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			6,208,143		6,404,695
TOTAL NET ASSETS			6,208,143		6,404,695
Unrestricted funds:					
• General funds	11a		6,138,504		5,634,670
• Designated funds	11b		-		550,000
Restricted funds	11c		39,380		190,080
Endowed funds	11d		30,259		29,945
			<u>6,208,143</u>		<u>6,404,695</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Governors on 18 May 2022


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Mr K R Lowe
Chair of Governors

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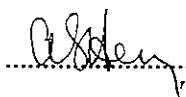
COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

31 August 2021

Company Registration No: 2659703

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	7	6,221,829	6,273,050
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	331,766	436,099
Cash at bank and in hand		650,791	602,421
Stocks		7,951	7,070
		<u>990,508</u>	<u>1,045,590</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,000,944)</u>	<u>(921,215)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>(10,436)</u>	<u>124,375</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>6,211,393</u>	<u>6,397,425</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>6,211,393</u>	<u>6,397,425</u>
Unrestricted funds:			
• General funds	11a	6,141,754	5,627,400
• Designated funds	11b	-	550,000
Restricted funds	11c	39,380	190,080
Endowed funds	11d	30,259	29,945
		<u>6,211,393</u>	<u>6,397,425</u>

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Alderley Edge School for Girls
CONSOLIDATED CASHFLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
NET CASH (OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATIONS	a	234,188	(175,448)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received		779	3,149
Interest paid		-	(608)
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(203,699)	(108,570)
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(202,920)	(106,029)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Loan repayments made		-	(23,369)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR		31,268	(304,846)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT START OF THE PERIOD		629,645	934,491
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	b	660,913	629,645

a) Reconciliation of net (outgoing) resources to net cash outflow from operating activities:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net (outgoing) resources	(196,552)	(124,077)
Depreciation	254,920	257,076
Interest receivable	(779)	(3,149)
Interest payable	-	608
Increase/(decrease) in stock	(80,582)	4,308
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	116,004	(161,460)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	141,177	(148,754)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	234,188	(175,448)

Alderley Edge School for Girls

CONSOLIDATED CASHFLOW STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

for the year ended 31 August 2021

b) Analysis of changes in net cash resources

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash at Bank	660,913	629,645
	<u>660,913</u>	<u>629,645</u>

The notes on pages 23 to 41 form part of these accounts.

Alderley Edge School for Girls

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

for the year ended 31 August 2021

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - effective 1 January 2019.

The functional currency of the School is considered to be GBP because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the School operates.

The accounts are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting.

The School is a Public Benefit Entity registered as a charity in England and Wales and a company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 1st November 1991 (company number: 2659703) and registered as a charity on 6th December 1991 (charity number: 1006726). Details of the School's registered office can be found on page 2.

The School has been affected by the global coronavirus pandemic, but, as noted in the Strategic Report, steps have been taken to mitigate the impact of this unexpected event. Overall the governors remain confident that the School has sufficient resources to continue as a going concern and consider that there were no material uncertainties over the School's financial viability.

BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The accounts have been consolidated on a line by line basis to include the School's wholly owned non-charitable trading company subsidiary, A.E.S.G. Developments Limited.

The School has not taken advantage of the exemption available to a qualifying entity in FRS 102 from the requirement to present a charity only Cash Flow Statement with the consolidated financial statements.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided in order to write off each asset, less its estimated residual value, over their useful lives at the following rates:

Buildings	2%	straight line
Building improvements	2%	straight line
Plant and equipment	20%	straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20%	straight line
Computer equipment	20% - 33 ¹ / ₃ %	straight line

Capital items costing less than £250 are written off as an expense as acquired.

STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

LEASES

Where assets are financed by leasing agreements that give rights approximating to ownership ("finance lease"), the assets are treated as if they had been purchased outright. The amount capitalised is the present value of the minimum lease payments payable during the lease term. The corresponding leasing commitments are shown as obligations to the lessor.

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for the year ended 31 August 2021

Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements, and the interest is charged to the profit and loss account in proportion to the remaining balance outstanding. All other leases are "operating leases" and the annual rentals are charged to profit and loss on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

INCOME

Income from School Fees represents fees earned in respect of tuition given during the year. Fees received in respect of tuition to be given after the year end are included in creditors as fees received in advance. Fees receivable are stated after deducting bursaries and scholarships granted by the school.

Scholarships and bursaries are awarded at the discretion of the Governing Body, based on academic excellence in the case of Scholarship awards, and are means tested for Bursary awards.

Other income, including legacies and donations, is accounted for as and when entitlement arises, the amount can be reliably quantified and the economic benefit to the School is considered probable. Legacies received in the form of property are credited at the lower of probate and market value.

Income from government grants is recognised when there is entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Where entitlements occurs before income is received, the income is accrued. Where income is received in advance of there being entitlement to the funds the income is deferred.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities. Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds. Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the objects of the School and include both direct costs and support costs relating to this activity. Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the School and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

TAXATION

The School is an exempt charity and benefits by being exempt from corporation tax on income it receives from tuition fees, interest and rents.

The School is exempt from levying VAT on services it provides to pupils. For this reason the School is generally unable to recover input VAT it suffers on goods and services purchased, which is therefore included in the cost of these goods and services.

The subsidiary, AESG Developments Ltd, is registered for VAT and so has a different accounting policy, with VAT being accounted for separately.

SCHOOL TRIPS

The School collects monies in respect of trips and pays these monies out in full. As these funds do not represent income for the School, they are not accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities.

PENSION SCHEME

The School contributes to the Teachers' Pension Defined Benefit Scheme at rates set by the Scheme Actuary and advised to the School by the Scheme Administrator. The Scheme is a multi-employer pension scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the Scheme which are attributable to the School. In accordance with FRS 102 the Scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme and contributions are accounted for when advised as due by the scheme Administrator.

The School also contributes to a group personal pension scheme for non-teaching staff. All non-teaching staff are eligible to take part.

This scheme is currently with Scottish Widows and is a defined contribution scheme.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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The School used contribute to the Pensions Trust Growth Plan for many of the non-teaching staff. This is in most respects a money purchase arrangement, but does include certain guaranteed benefit elements.

The Plan is a multi-employer scheme as it is not possible in the normal course of events to identify the share of the underlying assets belonging to the individual participating employers and accordingly, in accordance with FRS 102, is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme with contributions being recorded as they become payable.

DONATIONS

Donations received for the general purposes of the school are credited to "other unrestricted funds". Donations subject to specific wishes of the donors are carried to relevant restricted funds.

FUND ACCOUNTING

The School has various types of funds for which it is responsible and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

Unrestricted funds	Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Governors in furtherance of the objects of the School. In addition to expenditure on tuition, such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.
Restricted funds	Donations or legacies received which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the School.
Designated funds	The School may at its discretion set aside funds for specific purposes which would otherwise form part of the general reserves of the School.
Endowment funds	Endowments funds are funds for which the Governors must maintain the capital element but the incoming resources derived from the underlying endowment fund assets can be spent.

INVESTMENTS

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost with the exception of investments which are held at fair value. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. A specific provision is made for debts for which recoverability is in doubt. Cash at bank and in hand is defined as all cash held in instant access bank accounts and used as working capital. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise all creditors except social security and other taxes and provisions.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the accounting policies, Trustees are required to make judgement, estimates, and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affected current and future periods.

In the view of the trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting assets or liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

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GOING CONCERN

The Directors have due regard for the going concern of the School. The School prepares a detailed budget for the 12 months ahead as well as more general longer-term financial projections. Actual performance is monitored termly and cash balances are monitored and reviewed daily.

Despite showing a net current liability position at the balance sheet date, the Directors believe that the school's financial resources and contingency planning is sufficient to ensure the ability of the School to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future, being at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

1a ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Consolidated		School	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	2,420	42,298	2,420	42,298
Trading income	60,334	64,604	-	-
Hire of School premises	7,148	4,787	7,148	4,787
	<u>69,902</u>	<u>111,689</u>	<u>9,568</u>	<u>47,085</u>

The fundraising income includes £709 (2020 £2,436) donated from the Parents Association.

1b SCHOOL FEES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees receivable consist of:		
Gross fees	5,476,419	5,685,339
Less: Bursaries, grants and allowances	(619,805)	(654,656)
	<u>4,856,614</u>	<u>5,030,683</u>

Scholarships, bursaries and other awards were paid to 209 pupils (2020: 227). Within this means-tested bursaries totalling £322,557 were paid to 48 pupils (2020: £309,095 to 48 pupils).

There were no bursaries or allowances paid from restricted funds. Nursery grants of £45,404 (2020: £51,670) were received from the government and paid out to parents.

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1c OTHER ANCILLARY INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Catering receipts	4,698	11,359
Other ancillary income	18,762	18,206
	<u>23,460</u>	<u>29,565</u>

Catering receipts are monies received from staff lunches and other ad hoc catering supplies to staff and pupils.

1d GOVERNMENT GRANT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Furlough grant income	19,934	71,507
Other grants receivable	3,170	-
	<u>23,104</u>	<u>71,507</u>

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2 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2021 £	2020 £
Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:		
Charitable expenditure includes:		
Depreciation	254,921	257,076
Operating leases/rentals	10,200	10,200
Governance costs include:		
Auditors' remuneration	13,686	9,472
Staff costs comprise:		
Wages and salaries	2,978,894	3,152,844
Social security costs	283,385	302,775
Pension costs	522,446	538,533
	<u>3,784,725</u>	<u>3,994,152</u>
Aggregate employee – benefits of key management personnel	<u>201,742</u>	<u>208,878</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 No	2020 No
Teaching staff	63	65
Premises and grounds	3	3
Administration	17	19
Other	31	33
	<u>114</u>	<u>120</u>

The average numbers employed by the school during the year calculated on a full-time equivalent basis was:

	2021 No	2020 No
Teaching staff	50	53
Premises and grounds	3	3
Administration	14	13
Other	16	19
	<u>83</u>	<u>88</u>

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Neither the governors nor persons connected with them received any remuneration, other benefits or reimbursed expenses from the school or any connected organisation.

	2021 No	2020 No
The number of employees whose income exceeded £60,000 was:		
£90,001 to £100,000	0	1
£80,001 to £90,000	1	0
£60,001 to £70,000	1	1

Included in the above higher paid employees was 1 employee (2020: 1) accruing pension benefits under a defined benefit scheme and 1 employee (2020: 1) accruing benefits under a money purchase pension scheme. The aggregate employer pension contributions for the year was £25,221 (2020: £26,835).

3 ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff Costs £	Other £	Depreciation £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS					
Trading costs of the subsidiary	14,991	52,463	-	67,454	61,205
Fundraising costs	-	849	-	849	7,505
Financing costs	-	3,076	-	3,076	3,541
	<u>14,991</u>	<u>56,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,379</u>	<u>72,251</u>
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES – SCHOOL OPERATING COSTS					
Teaching costs	3,154,266	172,139	65,950	3,392,355	3,608,813
Welfare	51,452	354,984	10,372	416,808	373,117
Premises	100,956	305,437	164,658	571,051	558,747
Support and governance	463,060	300,647	13,940	777,647	887,480
	<u>3,769,734</u>	<u>1,133,207</u>	<u>254,920</u>	<u>5,157,861</u>	<u>5,428,157</u>
TOTAL	<u>3,784,725</u>	<u>1,189,595</u>	<u>254,920</u>	<u>5,229,240</u>	<u>5,500,408</u>

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Support and governance costs may be split as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff Costs	463,060	467,563
Marketing	75,740	161,113
Recruitment and Training	23,762	35,755
Legal, Professional and other Fees	26,209	44,650
Depreciation	13,940	20,766
Stationery, postage and telephone	40,770	38,681
Insurances	46,244	31,466
Bad Debt Written Off	28,755	529
Computing Costs	3,661	4,652
Sundry other Costs	36,020	38,607
Audit and Accountancy	13,686	9,472
Headteacher Recruitment	<u>5,800</u>	<u>34,226</u>
TOTAL	<u>777,647</u>	<u>887,480</u>
4 FINANCING COSTS		
	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest on site purchase loan	-	608
Bank charges	3,076	2,933
	<u>3,076</u>	<u>3,541</u>
5 TAXATION		
As the school is a registered charity, no provision is required for corporation tax.		
6 INVESTMENT INCOME		
	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	<u>779</u>	<u>3,149</u>

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7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Consolidated and School	Freehold land & buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures, fittings & computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 September 2020	7,567,421	379,682	1,360,685	9,307,788
Additions	109,239	5,984	88,476	203,699
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 August 2021	<u>7,676,660</u>	<u>385,666</u>	<u>1,449,161</u>	<u>9,511,487</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 September 2020	1,565,373	310,887	1,158,478	3,034,738
Charge for the year	154,316	23,221	77,383	254,920
Charge on Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 August 2021	<u>1,719,689</u>	<u>334,108</u>	<u>1,235,861</u>	<u>3,289,658</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 August 2021	<u>5,956,971</u>	<u>51,558</u>	<u>213,300</u>	<u>6,221,829</u>
As at 31 August 2020	<u>6,002,048</u>	<u>68,795</u>	<u>202,207</u>	<u>6,273,050</u>

8 AESG DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

AESG Developments Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alderley Edge School for Girls, and whose company number is 05213539. The company is registered in England. AESG Developments Limited runs the school uniform shop at Alderley Edge School for Girls.

Any taxable profit is transferred as gift aid to Alderley Edge School for Girls. Summaries of the trading results and balance sheet are shown below. Accounts will be filed with the Registrar of Companies.

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i) Profit and Loss account for the period to 31 August 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover	60,334	64,604
Cost of sales	(45,482)	(47,628)
Gross profit	14,852	16,976
Administrative expenses	(21,972)	(13,577)
Operating surplus	(7,120)	3,399
Gift aid payment to AESG	(3,399)	(8,179)
Retained surplus	(10,519)	(4,780)

ii) Balance Sheet at 31 August 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Stock	121,633	41,931
Debtors	8,054	1,756
Bank and cash	10,122	27,224
Net current assets	139,809	70,911
Creditors	(143,056)	(63,639)
Net current assets	(3,247)	7,272
Net assets	(3,247)	7,272
Share capital	1	1
Retained profits	(3,248)	7,271
	(3,247)	7,272

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9 DEBTORS

	Consolidated		School	
	2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £
Fee debtors	179,894	264,377	171,840	262,621
Less: Bad debt provision	(17,869)	(27,147)	(17,869)	(27,147)
	<u>162,025</u>	<u>237,230</u>	<u>153,971</u>	<u>235,474</u>
Prepayments and accrued income	102,503	143,302	102,503	143,302
Amounts owed by AESG Developments Limited	-	-	75,292	57,323
	<u>264,528</u>	<u>380,532</u>	<u>331,766</u>	<u>436,099</u>

Amounts owed by AESG Developments Limited are repayable when cash surpluses allow, or on demand. Interest on the balance outstanding is charged at base rate.

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10 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	Consolidated		School	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Trade Creditors	293,912	221,043	228,648	218,108
Accruals and deferred income	27,299	84,775	27,299	84,775
Other creditors	673,640	551,577	671,140	548,196
Other taxes and social security costs	73,857	70,136	73,857	70,136
	<u>1,068,708</u>	<u>927,531</u>	<u>1,000,944</u>	<u>921,215</u>

Deferred Income transactions are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deferred Income as at 1 September 2020	5,199	8,129
Released from Prior Year	(5,199)	(8,129)
Deferred in the Year	<u>9,738</u>	<u>5,199</u>
Deferred Income as at 31 August 2021	<u>9,738</u>	<u>5,199</u>

Deferred Income comprises nursery grant income received in advance of the 2021-22 financial year to which it relates.

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11 ALLOCATION OF THE CHARITY NET ASSETS

Consolidated	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2021 £
The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:			
Unrestricted funds (11a)	6,152,190	(13,686)	6,138,504
Designated funds (11b)	-	-	-
Restricted funds (11c)	39,380	-	39,380
Endowed funds (11d)	30,259	-	30,259
	<u>6,221,829</u>	<u>(13,686)</u>	<u>6,208,143</u>

School	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets £	Total 2021 £
Unrestricted funds (11a)	6,152,190	(10,436)	6,141,754
Designated funds (11b)	-	-	-
Restricted funds (11c)	39,380	-	39,380
Endowed funds (11d)	30,259	-	30,259
	<u>6,221,829</u>	<u>(10,436)</u>	<u>6,211,393</u>

Consolidated	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2020 £
The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:			
Unrestricted funds (11a)	5,723,052	(88,382)	5,634,670
Designated funds (11b)	550,000	-	550,000
Restricted funds (11c)	-	190,080	190,080
Endowed funds (11d)	-	29,945	29,945
	<u>6,273,052</u>	<u>131,643</u>	<u>6,404,695</u>

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11 ALLOCATION OF THE CHARITY NET ASSETS Continued

School	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets £	2020 Total £
Unrestricted funds (12a)	5,723,050	(95,650)	5,627,400
Designated funds (12b)	550,000	-	550,000
Restricted funds (12c)	-	190,080	190,080
Endowed funds (12d)	-	29,945	29,945
	<u>6,273,050</u>	<u>124,375</u>	<u>6,397,425</u>

11a UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Consolidated		School	
	2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £
Balance brought forward 1 September 2020	5,634,670	5,796,011	5,627,400	5,783,959
Net movement on fund	(196,552)	(161,043)	(186,032)	(156,261)
Transfer from restricted funds	150,700	-	150,700	-
Transfer from designated funds	550,000	-	550,000	-
Transfer to endowed funds	(314)	(298)	(314)	(298)
Balance carried forward 31 August 2021	<u>6,138,504</u>	<u>5,634,670</u>	<u>6,141,754</u>	<u>5,627,400</u>

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11b DESIGNATED FUNDS

Consolidated and School	2021 £	2020 £
Balance brought forward 1 September 2020	550,000	550,000
Transfer to unrestricted funds	(550,000)	-
Balance carried forward 31 August 2021	-	550,000

Funds were initially designated in 2019-20 for sports development and but the project has been cancelled and so balance is released to Unrestricted Funds.

11c RESTRICTED FUNDS

Consolidated and School

	At 1 September 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 August 2021 £
P A monies	-	709	(709)	-	-
Millennium appeal	10,344	-	-	-	10,344
Merger balances	9,404	-	-	-	9,404
Bursary Fund	19,632	-	-	-	19,632
Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Ltd	80,000	-	-	(80,000)	-
Library Development	70,700	-	-	(70,700)	-
	<u>190,080</u>	<u>709</u>	<u>(709)</u>	<u>(150,700)</u>	<u>39,380</u>

	At 1 September 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 August 2020 £
P A monies	-	2,436	(2,436)	-	-
Millennium appeal	10,344	-	-	-	10,344
Merger balances	9,404	-	-	-	9,404
Bursary Fund	19,632	-	-	-	19,632
Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Ltd	80,000	-	-	-	80,000
Library Development	33,734	36,966	-	-	70,700
	<u>153,114</u>	<u>39,402</u>	<u>(2,436)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,080</u>

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The PA monies are amounts received from the Parents' Association and are for the general purpose of the School.

The Millennium appeal was a fund-raising project to raise funds for major capital expenditure.

Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited arises from assets passed over to AESG at the time of the merger. Repayment is only required in the event of the winding up of the school, as per Note 17, so this has been transferred to unrestricted funds.

The Bursary Fund aims to provide bursary assistance to families who cannot meet the full School fees.

The funds held for the Library redevelopments have been released to Unrestricted Funds, following the completion of this project.

11d ENDOWED FUNDS

Consolidated and School

At 1 September 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer between funds	At 31 August 2021
£	£	£	£	£
29,945	-	-	314	30,259
At 1 September 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer between funds	At 31 August 2020
£	£	£	£	£
29,647	-	-	298	29,945

These funds represent Endowed Funds previously held by St Hilary's School before its merger with Mount Carmel School and the subsequent formation of Alderley Edge School for Girls.

The permitted use of the income from these funds is in accordance with the wishes of the original donors, being mainly the awarding of prizes and bursaries.

12 OTHER OPERATING CHARGES

At 31 August 2021 the future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Within one year	15,599	18,687
Within two to five years	44,457	57,737
Over five years	656,778	663,863
	716,834	740,287

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13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Financial assets measured at amortised cost (a)	851,123	924,996
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost (b)	1,066,208	1,117,267
Net financial assets measured at amortised cost	(215,085)	(192,272)

The amount of stocks recognised in the SOFA is £45,482 (2020: £47,628)

(a) Financial assets include cash, fee debtors, other debtors and accrued income

(b) Financial liabilities include accruals, amounts due from The Sisters of St Joseph, trade creditors and other creditors

Impairment losses charged to financial assets measured at amortised cost in the year amounted to £28,755

Impairment losses arise from stocks and bad debts being written off.

Bad debts of £28,755 were written off during the year (2020 £529) as these were not deemed to be recoverable.

Stocks of £0, comprising items of School uniform, were written off during the year (2020 £632) as either damaged or out of date.

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14 PENSION SCHEMES

Teachers' Pensions

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £479,481 (2020: £492,741) and at the year-end £0 (2020 - £Nil) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2016 and the Valuation Report, which was published in March 2019, confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 16.4% to 23.6% from 1 September 2019. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 23.68%.

The 31 March 2016 Valuation Report was prepared in accordance with the benefits set out in the scheme regulations and under the approach specified in the Directions, as they applied at 5 March 2019. However, the assumptions were considered and set by the Department for Education prior to the ruling in the 'McCloud/Sargeant case'. This case has required the courts to consider cases regarding the implementation of the 2015 reforms to Public Service Pensions including the Teachers' Pensions.

On 27 June 2019 the Supreme Court denied the government permission to appeal the Court of Appeal's judgment that transitional provisions introduced to the reformed pension schemes in 2015 gave rise to unlawful age discrimination. The government is respecting the Court's decision and has said it will engage fully with the Employment Tribunal as well as employer and member representatives to agree how the discriminations will be remedied. The Government announced on 4 February 2021 that it intends to proceed with a deferred choice underpin under which members will be able to choose either legacy or reformed scheme benefits in respect of their service during the period between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2022 at the point they become payable.

The TPS is subject to a cost cap mechanism which was put in place to protect taxpayers against unforeseen changes in scheme costs. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, having in 2018 announced that there would be a review of this cost cap mechanism, in January 2019 announced a pause to the cost cap mechanism following the Court of Appeal's ruling in the McCloud/Sargeant case and until there is certainty about the value of pensions to employees from April 2015 onwards. The pause was lifted in July 2020 and a consultation was launched on 24 June on proposed changes to the cost control mechanism following a review by the Government Actuary. Following a public consultation, the Government have accepted three key proposals recommended by the Actuary and are aiming to implement these changes in time for the 2020 valuations.

In view of the above rulings and decisions the assumptions used in the 31 March 2016 Actuarial Valuation may become inappropriate. In this scenario, a valuation prepared in accordance with revised benefits and suitably revised assumptions would yield different results than those contained in the Actuarial Valuation.

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Until it is not possible to conclude on any financial impact or future changes to the contribution rates of the TPS. Accordingly, no provision for any additional past benefit pension costs is included in these financial statements.

Support Staff Pensions

Following advice received from pension consultants, and after discussion with staff, the decision was taken to leave the Pensions Trust Scheme. With effect from October 2018, the School established a new Group Personal Pension Scheme with Scottish Widows. Contributions to The Pensions Trust ceased from this point and commenced with Scottish Widows, although staff have the option of maintaining a pension with The Pension Trust or transferring their pension value to Scottish Widows.

Alderley Edge School for Girls paid contributions at the rate of 6% and totalling £42,965 (2020 £45,835) during the accounting period. Members paid contributions at a minimum rate of 3% during the accounting period. As at the balance sheet date there were 40 active members of the Scottish Widows scheme employed by Alderley Edge School for Girls.

Pension costs for both schemes are met from unrestricted funds.

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15 INSURANCE

During the year, the school purchased Governors and Bursars Insurance at a cost of £300 (2020: £300) and £0 (2020: £ nil) respectively.

16 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Mount Carmel and St Hilary's Schools merged with effect from September 1999 and became Alderley Edge School for Girls. St Hilary's School was part of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited and Mount Carmel was founded by The Sisters of St Joseph. Certain loans have been made to the merged School by these organisations to assist with the merger, as disclosed in notes 10, 11 and 12. These loans, as of October 2020, have been paid in full.

The Sisters of St Joseph nominate a governor to the Board – this is currently Mrs R. Price. Rent of £10,200 per annum is also paid to The Sisters for use of tennis courts at Ryleys Lane. Woodard Schools also nominate a governor to the Board – this is currently Rev. B. Clover.

17 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A legal mortgage of £1.08m was entered into during the year ended 31 August 2001 in favour of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited. This mortgage is only repayable in the event of the winding up of the School.

18 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Covid-19 restrictions significantly impacted the operation of AESG Developments, with parents access to the physical premises reduced. Additional staff costs were incurred to meet parental expectations arising from an altered model of operation. Significant additional stock purchases were also made, in order to attempt to mitigate issues experienced nationwide with delays in deliveries and stock availability. These factors led Governors to decide to cease to offer a uniform shop facility and, as a result, after the year-end, the stock held by the shop was sold to a third-party retailer, Monkhouse Ltd, who will sell the stock on behalf of the School. AESG Developments Ltd will remain an active company although de-registration for VAT purposes will be sought in 2021-22.

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19 CONSOLIDATED SOFA – COMPARATIVE FIGURES BY FUND TYPE

		Restricted	Endowed	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Note	Funds £	Funds £	Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b			5,030,683	5,030,683	5,184,097
Other ancillary income	1c			29,565	29,565	75,907
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a	39,402		72,287	111,689	135,661
Other activities				129,739	129,739	45,871
Government Grant Income				71,507	71,507	
Investments						
Investment income	6			3,149	3,149	4,673
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>39,402</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,336,929</u>	<u>5,376,331</u>	<u>5,446,209</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Trading costs of the subsidiary	8			61,205	61,205	72,169
Fundraising costs				7,505	7,505	15,875
Financing costs	4			3,541	3,541	4,724
	3	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>72,251</u>	<u>72,251</u>	<u>92,768</u>
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs		2,436		3,606,377	3,608,813	3,603,166
Welfare				373,117	373,117	440,748
Premises				558,747	558,747	523,207
Support and governance				887,480	887,480	864,911
	3	<u>2,436</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,425,721</u>	<u>5,428,157</u>	<u>5,432,032</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>2,436</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,497,972</u>	<u>5,500,408</u>	<u>5,524,800</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>36,966</u>		<u>(161,043)</u>	<u>(124,077)</u>	<u>(78,591)</u>
Transfers between funds		-	298	(298)	-	-
Fund balances						
At 1 September 2019		<u>153,114</u>	<u>29,647</u>	<u>6,346,011</u>	<u>6,528,772</u>	<u>6,607,363</u>
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2020		<u>190,080</u>	<u>29,945</u>	<u>6,184,670</u>	<u>6,404,695</u>	<u>6,528,772</u>

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19 COMPANY SOFA – COMPARATIVE FIGURES BY FUND TYPE

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b			5,030,683	5,030,683	5,184,097
Other ancillary income	1c			29,565	29,565	75,907
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a	39,402		7,683	47,085	55,313
Other activities				137,918	137,918	49,293
Government Grants				71,507	71,507	
Investments						
Investment income	6			3,149	3,149	4,673
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		39,402	0	5,280,505	5,319,907	5,369,283
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Fundraising costs	4			7,505	7,505	15,875
Financing costs	3	0	0	3,541	3,541	4,724
				11,046	11,046	20,599
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs		2,436		3,606,377	3,608,813	3,603,166
Welfare				373,117	373,117	440,748
Premises				558,747	558,747	523,207
Support and governance				887,480	887,480	864,911
	3	2,436	0	5,425,721	5,428,157	5,432,032
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		2,436	0	5,436,767	5,439,203	5,452,631
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		36,966		(156,262)	(119,295)	(83,348)
Transfers between funds		-	298	(298)	-	-
At 1 September 2019		153,114	29,647	6,333,959	6,516,720	6,600,068
FUND BALANCES						
AT 31 AUGUST 2020		190,080	29,945	6,177,400	6,397,425	6,516,720

Accounts

Company number: 2659703
Charity number: 1006726

Alderley Edge School for Girls
(A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee)
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(CONSOLIDATED WITH AESG DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED)
For the year ended 31 August 2020

Alderley Edge School for Girls

For the year ended 31 August 2020

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

DIRECTORS, GOVERNORS & TRUSTEES

The present directors of the company, who are also charity trustees and school governors, and also any ex-directors who served during the year, are as follows:

Mrs A S Herring (Chairman)
Dr R Nolan
Mr E P R Ainsworth – retired 31st August 2019
Mr G Bryant
The Revd. Canon B Clover
Ms K Doyle
Mr K R Lowe (Vice Chairman)
Mrs C Lowe
Mrs J Rostron
Mrs T Pollard
Provincial Superior J Arrowsmith – resigned 11 December 2019
Mrs R Price – appointed 5 February 2020
Mrs D Summerfield
Mr C Trueman

BURSAR AND CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

Mr S J Malkin

HEADMISTRESS

Mrs H Jeys

Mrs H Jeys resigned to take up a similar post in another school, with effect from 31 August 2020.

Mrs N Smillie has been appointed as Headmistress, with effect from 1 September 2020.

The Headmistress and Bursar are considered to be the School's key management personnel. Their remuneration is set annually by the Chair of Governors and Chair of the Finance Committee.

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SCHOOL INFORMATION *(continued)*

COMPANY NUMBER

2659703

CHARITY NUMBER

1006726

REGISTERED OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Wilmslow Road
Alderley Edge
Cheshire
SK9 7QE

BANKERS

Royal Bank of Scotland plc
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Manchester
M60 2BE

AUDITORS

Crowe U.K. LLP
The Lexicon
Mount Street
Manchester
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Alderley Edge School for Girls

SCHOOL INFORMATION *(continued)*

GOVERNING SUB COMMITTEES

Appeal Committee

Mrs A S Herring (Chairman)

Mr K R Lowe

Dr R Nolan

Curriculum Committee

Mrs T Pollard (Chairman)

Mrs A S Herring

Mrs C Lowe

Mrs J Rostron

Mr C Trueman

Finance and Premises Committee

Mr C Trueman (Chairman)

Mr G Bryant

Mrs A S Herring

Mr K R Lowe

Dr R Nolan

Marketing and Development Committee

Mr K R Lowe (Chairman)

Mrs J Rostron

Mrs D Summerfield

Alderley Edge School for Girls

GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT

The governors have pleasure in presenting their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2020 under the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, together with the audited financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, FRS102 and the Charities SORP 2015.

GOVERNORS' REPORT

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The school is a registered charity and was incorporated in 1991 as a company limited by guarantee, with the liability of its members limited to £1 each.

The Registered Charity number is 1006726 and Company number is 2659703.

The principal address / registered office is stated on page 2.

Governors

The governors, who are also directors of the company and trustees of the charity, are listed on page 1.

Governors are appointed by the Board of Governors.

Key personnel and professional advisers

The key personnel and professional advisers of the School are listed on pages 1 & 2.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The School is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, last amended on 7 July 2005.

Trustee training

New governors are introduced to the workings of the School, the Company and Charity at an induction meeting arranged by the Chairman of Governors, the Headmistress and the Bursar. Copies of appropriate documents are provided, as is on-going training for all governors.

Organisational management

The Governing Body meets at least three times each year, and determines the general policy of the school. The day to day management of the school is delegated to the Headmistress and the Bursar.

Group structure and relationships

The School has a wholly owned non-charitable trading company subsidiary, A.E.S.G. Developments Limited. This trading subsidiary runs the School Uniform shop, and its results are consolidated with those of the School.

Mount Carmel and St Hilary's Schools merged with effect from September 1999 and became Alderley Edge School for Girls. St Hilary's School was part of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited and Mount Carmel was founded by The Sisters of St Joseph. The School's continued association with these two charitable organisations forms the basis of its ecumenical ethos.

The School is also an active member of the following:

I.S.C. The Independent Schools Council.

G.S.A. The Girls' School Association.

A.J.I.S. The Association of Junior Independent Schools.

I.S.A. The Independent Schools Association.

A.G.B.I.S. The Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools.

I.S.B.A. The Independent Schools' Bursars Association.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

STRATEGIC REPORT

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal activity continued to be the operation of an independent day school for girls.

Aims of the School

We are an **academic** school, and we aim to ensure that every girl is a diligent and confident learner who achieves her full academic potential. Our broad, rich and balanced curriculum maximises opportunities for the girls to excel, with excellent teaching and high expectations in the classroom. Close monitoring and regular assessments, combined with knowing each girl as an individual, ensure that she is stretched, challenged and motivated to succeed. By providing a stimulating, challenging and exciting learning environment we aim to develop independent learners with inquiring minds, a thirst for knowledge and passion for lifelong learning.

We provide an **enrichment** programme which offers a huge range of opportunities for girls to achieve outside the classroom. Whether it be through sport, music, drama, public speaking, subject specific activities, Duke of Edinburgh or Community Service, girls can – and do – succeed. Girls develop important skills for life and become interested, aware and empathetic, showing a genuine concern for others and are keen to do all they can to make this a better world, both locally and globally.

We are proud of our Christian foundation which encourages girls to explore their **spirituality**, within a supportive, open and accepting environment. We are a Christian school and happily welcome others who share our values. We aim to ensure that all girls develop empathy for others and a strong moral compass based on Christian principles. Our supportive, pro-active pastoral care ensures that girls feel they belong to the school community and treat others with respect.

Our aim is to educate **girls** aged 2 to 18 within a positive, empowering environment which encourages them to think creatively, aim high and play an active part within the school community. We value the importance of an all-girls' education and all the benefits this brings them. There are numerous opportunities for girls to develop both team working and leadership skills and to help guide the school and their peers forward. In this way they learn important life skills which prepare them for the world of work and they leave us as impressive young women who make a difference.

Objectives for the year

This year has seen us build on the recent academic successes of the School and sustain our high academic expectations of all our pupils so that they achieve their potential. Mentoring opportunities and focusing on a variety of teaching and learning strategies have enabled staff to build on such academic success. For instance, for the second year running, the School has achieved results which have placed it in the top 5% of schools nationally for progress between the ages of 16 and 18. Focus on retrieval techniques in order to enhance revision skills and the development of strategies which focus on key characteristics so important for learning, such as resilience and collaboration, have seen the School develop a learner profile for full implementation from September 2020. Our commitment to providing a holistic education continues with the focus on academic success but, also, the individual happiness and nurturing of each individual child so that they feel valued within our School community. Furthermore, we continue to build on our alumnae links and welcome past members of our community into school regularly to talk to current pupils about their careers. We are delighted that such links have grown over recent years, particularly since this year marks the 21st Birthday of the School.

The School continues to excel in sport across all ages and we have enjoyed considerable success in cross country, netball and hockey in particular. We aim to cater for pupils' interests outside the classroom as far as possible and this year has seen new sporting clubs such as basketball as well as the development of those already existing, including trampolining, climbing and badminton.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

The School continues to support local and national charities and sustains its commitment as far as possible, to providing bursaries so that sufficiently able pupils are able to join the school when their families do not have the financial means to fund their place. We have also started our first capital fundraising project this year which has focused on refurbishing both Junior and Senior libraries. Not only does this project aim to reflect the high value we place on reading but we also aim to provide a modern space in which pupils can work, research and further their love of learning.

Our examination results continue to improve and our value added is a very impressive aspect of our school success. For A level, our results in the summer 2020 examinations despite the current pandemic and its impact on teaching and learning, continued to reflect the successes of previous years, with 35% of our pupils achieving a clean sweep of at least 3 A grades and 72% of grades at A*-B, a well-deserved achievement that reflects their commitment and dedication to their studies over the two years. For GCSE examinations, almost 57% of grades awarded are at the very highest grades of 7-9 and over 99% of all grades were at grade 4 or above and virtually 18% of grades at the highest grade 9. The School is very proud of its exam cohorts, in the character shown when they were unable to take their final examinations in the way they would have wanted after working so hard. We know that they will all go on to achieve success in their future.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The group's net outgoing resources for the year amounted to £124,077 (2019 net outgoing: £78,591).

Pupil numbers declined in the 2019-20 academic year, and the resulting decrease in income led to a review of expenditure in a number of operational areas, including staffing, all of which contributed to the net outgoings result for the year. The combination of multiple years of net outgoings has had a detrimental impact upon reserves, but further steps are being taken in 2020-21 to address the net outgoings.

The School has invested just under £110,000 in fixed assets in the year and this, in conjunction with a reduction of just under £150,000 in creditor balances and an increase of just over £160,000 in debtor balances from the previous year end, as well as continuing loan repayments, has led to cash flow pressures and reduced cash balances held. The repayment of the School's long-term loan, scheduled for October 2020, will, however, have a positive impact on future cash flows.

The group results for the year are detailed on page 13.

The School had no fundraising activities requiring disclosure under s162A of the Charities Act 2011.

Expenditure for the year includes £26,734 paid under a settlement agreement to a member of staff.

Details of the School's funds and an analysis of the School's net assets between the funds are given in note 12.

Restricted funds of £110,081 are held for use on capital projects, increasing the Bursary Fund and other small projects designated by the donor, and a further £80,000 is held re capital items provided by Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited, at the time of merger.

Endowed Funds of £29,945 were previously held by St Hilary's School before its merger with Mount Carmel School and the subsequent formation of Alderley Edge School for Girls. The permitted use of the income from these funds is in accordance with the wishes of the original donors, being mainly the awarding of prizes and bursaries.

Designated funds of £550,000 are to be used for the significant improvement of the sports facilities.

The remaining unrestricted funds of £5,634,671 are required to cover the working capital of the School and to maintain the buildings to the high standards expected of a School of this standing.

The Governors continue to monitor the level of the various categories of funds in order to ensure that they are adequate to meet the charitable objectives of the School. Free reserves (calculated as unrestricted reserves less fixed assets) are £(88,379), (2019: £(41,810)). Free reserves totalling £250,000 are considered to be a suitable target by the Governors.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

However, cash reserves are £629,645 (2019: £934,491). Governors have therefore agreed to place on hold the planned further development of sports facilities on the site, until cash balances have improved. Governors would wish to retain a cash reserve of £1 million, in order to meet any potential future liabilities and to continue to operate efficiently. Governors will continue to monitor both the level of these reserves and the amount deemed sufficient on an annual basis.

FUTURE PLANS

The main objective for the future remains the maintaining of the high standard of education offered at the School.

In order to assist with this main objective, significant investment has been made in the facilities provided, including major upgrading of sports facilities, over the last two years. A period of consolidation, but whilst still retaining refurbishment projects undertaken during the School summer holiday period, will now be undertaken.

The School will also welcome a new Headmistress, Nicola Smillie, who will join the School on 1st September 2020.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Alderley Edge School for Girls is committed to the aim of providing public benefit, and the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's published guidance on public benefit.

The School arranges and takes part in many activities that provide benefit to the local community. These activities range from making School facilities available to other local Schools, to pupils visiting local care homes, to inviting local residents to attend pupil music and drama performances. The full list of these activities is recorded in a register maintained by the School.

Scholarships and bursaries are offered at the discretion of the Governing Body, based on academic excellence, means testing for Bursary awards, and on the ongoing ability of the School to fund these awards.

The School awards means tested bursaries to pupils who would not otherwise be able to afford the school fees. The systems used to evaluate the means testing are reviewed continually and will continue to be developed as necessary.

During the year, the School awarded bursaries, scholarships and discounts totalling £654,656 (2019: £557,196). This figure includes means tested bursary awards.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Governing Body has ultimate responsibility for managing risk faced by the School.

The Governors continue to examine the principal areas of the school's operation and consider the major risks identified in each of these areas. The risk management process identifies risks, assesses their impact and likelihood and, where necessary, recommends controls to mitigate and monitor those risks that are assessed as high.

In the opinion of the Governors, the school has established resources and review systems which, under normal conditions, should allow these risks to be managed to an acceptable level in its day to day operations.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Governing Body had considered the economic uncertainty and the ongoing recession to be the most significant cause for concern. However, the global coronavirus pandemic, commencing early in 2020 has supplanted that. Schools were closed, nationally, in March 2020 and only re-opened in the 2019-20 academic year, for certain year groups only, and for children of key workers. Lessons for pupils continued via online provision using a range of software and allowed the original daily timetable to continue on a virtual basis.

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GOVERNORS' REPORT and STRATEGIC REPORT (*continued*)

The School provided 80% rebates on summer fees for nursery and pre-school fees and provided rebates to other pupils based upon savings identified from the reduced operational levels of the School during this period (including the furloughing of some support staff). Fee increases for the 2020-21 academic year were also delayed until January 2021. The pandemic, its impact on the economy, as well as other factors, led governors to anticipate a reduction in pupil roll, and subsequent level of fee income in the 2020-21 academic year.

However, fee income was largely protected in the 2019-20 academic year. Governors met in March 20 to consider the appropriateness of going concern as the basis of preparation of these and future financial statements. Governors prepared and examined a number of possible scenarios that consider our cash position, sources of income and planned expenditure. This includes the impact of coronavirus on operations, together with assumptions around recovery thereafter. These scenarios consider reduced pupil numbers, delayed fee payments, reduced fees and potential bad debts, as well as the impact on costs from the measures taken so far. Sensitivity around these assumptions has also been considered in our forecasting. Performance against the budget for 20-21 and the impact on the 2021-22 budget were also considered. The results of this scenario planning and analysis indicate that the cash reserves of the School are adequate to meet its ongoing obligations as they fall due and the governors believe it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these financial statements.

Health and Safety in all Schools is always a significant area for risk management. The risks range from buildings and infrastructure risk through to personal risk. The level and breadth of activities within the School is enormous and the risks associated with all activities are minimised through planning and risk assessment.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The directors at the time when this Director's report is approved have confirmed that:

- so far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- they have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

Crowe U.K. LLP has expressed its willingness to be reappointed as statutory auditor.

This report, which incorporates the Strategic Report, was approved by the Board of Governors on 26 May 2021:

S J Malkin

S J Malkin
Secretary

P.P. Mrs AS Herring
Chair of Governors

Alderley Edge School for Girls
Wilmslow Road
Alderley Edge
Cheshire
SK9 7QE

Alderley Edge School for Girls

STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The governors are responsible for preparing the Governors' Report & Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the governors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law.

Under company law the governors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The governors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company and group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Mrs AS Herring
Chair of Governors

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Wilmslow Road
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SK9 7QE

Approved by the Board of Governors on 26 May 2021.

Alderley Edge School for Girls

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS'

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Alderley Edge School for Girls for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the Consolidated and School Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated and School Balance Sheets and the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2020 and of the group's income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the governors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the governors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS'

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Other information

The governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit

- the information given in the Annual Report of the Governors and Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Annual Report of the Governors and Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Annual Report of the Governors and Strategic Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS'

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Responsibilities of governors

As explained more fully in the governors' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the governors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the governors are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

Vicky Szulist

Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of

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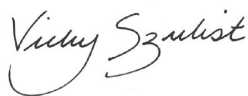
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Alderley Edge School for Girls

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b	-	-	5,030,682	5,030,682	5,184,097
Other ancillary income	1c	-	-	29,565	29,565	75,907
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a	39,402	-	72,287	111,689	135,661
Other activities	1d	-	-	129,739	129,739	45,871
Government grant income		-	-	71,507	71,507	-
Investments						
Investment income	6	-	-	3,149	3,149	4,673
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		39,402	-	5,336,929	5,376,331	5,446,209
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Trading costs of the subsidiary	3	-	-	61,205	61,205	72,169
Fundraising costs	3	-	-	7,505	7,505	15,875
Financing costs	3	-	-	3,541	3,541	4,724
		-	-	72,251	72,251	92,768
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs		2,436	-	3,606,377	3,608,813	3,603,166
Welfare		-	-	373,117	373,117	440,748
Premises		-	-	558,747	558,747	523,207
Support and governance		-	-	887,480	887,480	864,911
		2,436	-	5,425,721	5,428,157	5,432,032
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		2,436	-	5,497,972	5,500,408	5,524,800
Fund Balances						
At 1 September 2019		153,114	29,647	6,346,011	6,528,772	6,607,363
Net Incoming Resources		36,966	-	(161,043)	(124,077)	
Transfers between Funds		-	298	(298)		
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2020		190,080	29,945	6,184,670	6,404,695	

The school has no recognised gains or losses other than its surplus for the year. All activities in the year are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 22 to 40 form part of these accounts.

Alderley Edge School for Girls
COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b	-	-	5,030,683	5,030,683	5,184,097
Other ancillary income	1c	-	-	29,565	29,565	75,907
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a	39,402	-	7,683	47,085	55,313
Other activities	1d	-	-	137,918	137,918	49,293
Government grant income		-	-	71,507	71,507	-
Investments						
Investment income	6	-	-	3,149	3,149	4,673
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		39,402	-	5,280,506	5,319,908	5,369,283
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Fundraising costs	3	-	-	7,505	7,505	15,875
Financing costs	3	-	-	3,541	3,541	4,724
		-	-	11,046	11,046	20,599
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs		2,436	-	3,606,377	3,608,813	3,603,166
Welfare		-	-	373,117	373,117	440,748
Premises		-	-	558,747	558,747	523,207
Support and governance		-	-	887,480	887,480	864,911
		2,436	-	5,425,721	5,428,157	5,432,032
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		2,436	-	5,436,767	5,439,203	5,452,631
Fund Balances						
At 1 September 2019		153,114	29,647	6,333,959	6,516,720	6,600,068
Net Incoming Resources		36,966		(156,262)	(119,296)	
Transfers between Funds		-	298	(298)		
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2020		190,080	29,945	6,177,400	6,397,425	

The school has no recognised gains or losses other than its net result for the year. All activities in the year are classed as continuing.

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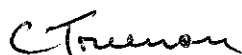
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

31 August 2020

Company Registration No: 2659703

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	7	6,273,050	6,421,556
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock – Finished goods		48,999	53,307
Debtors	9	380,532	219,072
Cash at bank and in hand		629,645	934,491
		<u>1,059,176</u>	<u>1,206,870</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(927,531)</u>	<u>(1,099,654)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>131,645</u>	<u>107,216</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>6,404,695</u>	<u>6,528,772</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	11	<u>(0)</u>	<u>(0)</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>6,404,695</u>	<u>6,528,772</u>
Unrestricted funds:			
• General funds	12a	5,634,670	5,796,011
• Designated funds	12b	550,000	550,000
Restricted funds	12c	190,080	153,114
Endowed funds	12d	29,945	29,647
		<u>6,404,695</u>	<u>6,528,772</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Governors on 26th May 2021



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Chair of Finance Committee



Mrs AS Herring
Chair of Governors

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Alderley Edge School for Girls

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

31 August 2020

Company Registration No: 2659703

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	7	6,273,050	6,421,556
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	436,099	258,752
Cash at bank and in hand		602,421	922,949
Stocks		7,070	8,250
		<u>1,045,590</u>	<u>1,189,951</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year			
	10	<u>(921,215)</u>	<u>(1,094,787)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		124,375	95,164
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>6,397,425</u>	<u>6,516,720</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year			
	11	(0)	(0)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>6,397,425</u>	<u>6,516,720</u>
Unrestricted funds:			
• General funds	12a	5,627,400	5,783,959
• Designated funds	12b	550,000	550,000
Restricted funds	12c	190,080	153,114
Endowed funds	12d	29,945	29,647
		<u>6,397,425</u>	<u>6,516,720</u>

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Alderley Edge School for Girls
CONSOLIDATED CASHFLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
NET CASH (OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATIONS	a	(175,448)	387,974
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received		3,149	4,673
Interest paid		(608)	(1,915)
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(108,570)	(395,311)
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(106,029)	(392,431)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Loan repayments made		(23,369)	(140,004)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR		(304,846)	(144,461)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT START OF THE PERIOD		934,491	1,078,952
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	b	629,645	934,491

a) Reconciliation of net (outgoing) resources to net cash outflow from operating activities:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net (outgoing) resources	(124,077)	(78,591)
Depreciation	257,076	234,318
Interest receivable	(3,149)	(4,673)
Interest payable	608	1,793
Decrease in stock	4,308	(9,508)
(Increase) in debtors	(161,460)	9,796
(Decrease) in creditors	(148,754)	234,839
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	(175,448)	387,974

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CONSOLIDATED CASHFLOW STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

for the year ended 31 August 2020

b) Analysis of changes in net cash resources

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash at Bank	629,645	934,491
	<u>629,645</u>	<u>934,491</u>

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

for the year ended 31 August 2020

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - effective 1 January 2015.

The functional currency of the School is considered to be GBP because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the School operates.

The accounts are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting.

The School is a Public Benefit Entity registered as a charity in England and Wales and a company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 1st November 1991 (company number: 2659703) and registered as a charity on 6th December 1991 (charity number: 1006726). Details of the School's registered office can be found on page 2.

The School has been affected by the global coronavirus pandemic, but, as noted in the Strategic Report, steps were taken to mitigate the impact of this unexpected event. Overall the governors remain confident that the School has sufficient resources to continue as a going concern and consider that there were no material uncertainties over the School's financial viability.

BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The accounts have been consolidated on a line by line basis to include the School's wholly owned non-charitable trading company subsidiary, A.E.S.G. Developments Limited.

The School has taken advantage of the exemption available to a qualifying entity in FRS 102 from the requirement to present a charity only Cash Flow Statement with the consolidated financial statements.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided in order to write off each asset, less its estimated residual value, over their useful lives at the following rates:

Buildings	2%	straight line
Building improvements	2%	straight line
Plant and equipment	20%	straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20%	straight line
Computer equipment	20% - 33 ¹ / ₃ %	straight line

Capital items costing less than £250 are written off as an expense as acquired.

STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

LEASES

Where assets are financed by leasing agreements that give rights approximating to ownership ("finance lease"), the assets are treated as if they had been purchased outright. The amount capitalised is the present value of the minimum lease payments payable during the lease term. The corresponding leasing commitments are shown as obligations to the lessor.

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for the year ended 31 August 2019

Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements, and the interest is charged to the profit and loss account in proportion to the remaining balance outstanding. All other leases are "operating leases" and the annual rentals are charged to profit and loss on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

INCOME

Income from School Fees represents fees earned in respect of tuition given during the year. Fees received in respect of tuition to be given after the year end are included in creditors as fees received in advance. Fees receivable are stated after deducting bursaries and scholarships granted by the school.

Scholarships and bursaries are awarded at the discretion of the Governing Body, based on academic excellence in the case of Scholarship awards, and are means tested for Bursary awards.

Other income, including legacies and donations, is accounted for as and when entitlement arises, the amount can be reliably quantified and the economic benefit to the School is considered probable. Legacies received in the form of property are credited at the lower of probate and market value.

Income from government grants is recognised when there is entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Where entitlements occurs before income is received, the income is accrued. Where income is received in advance of there being entitlement to the funds the income is deferred.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities. Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds. Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the objects of the School and include both direct costs and support costs relating to this activity. Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the School and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

TAXATION

The School is an exempt charity and benefits by being exempt from corporation tax on income it receives from tuition fees, interest and rents.

The School is exempt from levying VAT on services it provides to pupils. For this reason the School is generally unable to recover input VAT it suffers on goods and services purchased, which is therefore included in the cost of these goods and services.

The subsidiary, AESG Developments Ltd, is registered for VAT and so has a different accounting policy, with VAT being accounted for separately.

SCHOOL TRIPS

The School collects monies in respect of trips and pays these monies out in full. As these funds do not represent income for the School, they are not accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities.

PENSION SCHEME

The School contributes to the Teachers' Pension Defined Benefit Scheme at rates set by the Scheme Actuary and advised to the School by the Scheme Administrator. The Scheme is a multi-employer pension scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the Scheme which are attributable to the School. In accordance with FRS 102 the Scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme and contributions are accounted for when advised as due by the scheme Administrator.

The School also contributes to a group personal pension scheme for non-teaching staff. All non-teaching staff are eligible to take part.

This scheme is currently with Scottish Widows and is a defined contribution scheme.

Alderley Edge School for Girls

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

for the year ended 31 August 2020

The School used contribute to the Pensions Trust Growth Plan for many of the non-teaching staff. This is in most respects a money purchase arrangement, but does include certain guaranteed benefit elements. The Plan is a multi-employer scheme as it is not possible in the normal course of events to identify the share of the underlying assets belonging to the individual participating employers and accordingly, in accordance with FRS 102, is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme with contributions being recorded as they become payable.

DONATIONS

Donations received for the general purposes of the school are credited to "other unrestricted funds". Donations subject to specific wishes of the donors are carried to relevant restricted funds.

FUND ACCOUNTING

The School has various types of funds for which it is responsible and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

Unrestricted funds	Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Governors in furtherance of the objects of the School. In addition to expenditure on tuition, such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.
Restricted funds	Donations or legacies received which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the School.
Designated funds	The School may at its discretion set aside funds for specific purposes which would otherwise form part of the general reserves of the School.
Endowment funds	Endowments funds are funds for which the Governors must maintain the capital element but the incoming resources derived from the underlying endowment fund assets can be spent.

INVESTMENTS

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost with the exception of investments which are held at fair value. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. A specific provision is made for debts for which recoverability is in doubt. Cash at bank and in hand is defined as all cash held in instant access bank accounts and used as working capital. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise all creditors except social security and other taxes and provisions.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the accounting policies, Trustees are required to make judgement, estimates, and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affected current and future periods.

In the view of the trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting assets or liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

Alderley Edge School for Girls

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for the year ended 31 August 2020

GOING CONCERN

The Directors have due regard for the going concern of the Charity. The School prepares a detailed budget for the 12 months ahead as well as more general longer-term financial projections. Actual performance is monitored termly and cash balances are monitored and reviewed daily.

At the time of approval of the financial statements, the COVID19 virus continues to develop and has been designated a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation. Both short-term and long-term effects of the rapidly changing situation are unknown but, as for many businesses at this time, the Directors consider that there is potential for significant and enduring impact on the School's demand for pupil places, supply chain and workforce availability.

The Directors have undertaken planning and forecasting and continue to closely monitor the developing situation. Further details on the School's response and plans for dealing with the COVID 19 virus are documented in the Directors Report on page 5 onwards. Despite the current circumstances the Directors believe that the school's financial resources and contingency planning is sufficient to ensure the ability of the School to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future, being at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

1a OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Consolidated		School	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	42,298	51,258	42,298	51,258
Trading income	64,604	80,348	-	-
Hire of School premises	4,787	4,055	4,787	4,055
	<u>111,689</u>	<u>135,661</u>	<u>47,085</u>	<u>55,313</u>

The fundraising income includes £2,436 (2019 £11,507) donated from the Parents Association.

1b SCHOOL FEES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fees receivable consist of:		
Gross fees	5,685,339	5,741,293
Less: Bursaries, grants and allowances	(654,656)	(557,196)
	<u>5,030,683</u>	<u>5,184,097</u>

Scholarships, bursaries and other awards were paid to 227 pupils (2019: 207). Within this means-tested bursaries totalling £309,095 were paid to 48 pupils (2019: £221,852 to 35 pupils).

There were no bursaries or allowances paid from restricted funds. Nursery grants of £51,670 (2019: £63,447) were received from the government and paid out to parents.

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1c OTHER ANCILLARY INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Catering receipts	11,359	19,022
Other ancillary income	18,206	56,885
	<u>29,565</u>	<u>75,907</u>

Catering receipts are monies received from staff lunches and other ad hoc catering supplies to staff and pupils.

Alderley Edge School for Girls

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for the year ended 31 August 2020

2 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2020 £	2019 £
Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:		
Charitable expenditure includes:		
Depreciation	257,076	234,318
Operating leases/rentals	10,200	10,000
Governance costs include:		
Auditors' remuneration	9,472	11,934
Staff costs comprise:		
Wages and salaries	3,152,844	3,210,743
Social security costs	302,775	310,913
Pension costs	538,533	412,257
	3,994,151	3,933,913
Aggregate employee – benefits of key management personnel	<u>208,878</u>	<u>194,725</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 No	2019 No
Teaching staff	65	67
Premises and grounds	3	3
Administration	19	19
Other	33	30
	120	119

The average numbers employed by the school during the year calculated on a full time equivalent basis was:

	2020 No	2019 No
Teaching staff	53	57
Premises and grounds	3	3
Administration	13	12
Other	19	19
	88	91

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for the year ended 31 August 2020

Neither the governors nor persons connected with them received any remuneration, other benefits or reimbursed expenses from the school or any connected organisation.

	2020 No	2019 No
The number of employees whose income exceeded £60,000 was:		
£90,001 to £100,000	1	1
£80,001 to £90,000	0	0
£60,001 to £70,000	1	1

Included in the above higher paid employees was 1 employee (2019: 1) accruing pension benefits under a defined benefit scheme and 1 employee (2019: 1) accruing benefits under a money purchase pension scheme. The aggregate employer pension contributions for the year was £26,835 (2019: £19,178).

3 ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff Costs £	Other £	Depreciation £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS					
Trading costs of the subsidiary	7,083	54,122	-	61,205	72,169
Fundraising costs	-	7,505	-	7,505	15,875
Financing costs	-	3,541	-	3,541	4,724
	<u>7,083</u>	<u>65,168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,251</u>	<u>92,768</u>
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES – SCHOOL OPERATING COSTS					
Teaching costs	3,379,762	157,486	71,565	3,608,813	3,603,166
Welfare	36,247	333,407	3,463	373,117	440,748
Premises	103,496	293,969	161,282	558,747	523,207
Support and governance	467,563	399,151	20,766	887,480	864,911
	<u>3,987,068</u>	<u>1,184,013</u>	<u>257,076</u>	<u>5,428,157</u>	<u>5,432,032</u>
TOTAL	<u>3,994,151</u>	<u>1,249,181</u>	<u>257,076</u>	<u>5,500,408</u>	<u>5,524,800</u>

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for the year ended 31 August 2020

Support and governance costs may be split as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff Costs	467,563	427,455
Marketing	161,113	208,150
Recruitment and Training	35,755	28,845
Legal, Professional and other Fees	44,650	43,750
Depreciation	20,766	28,151
Stationery, postage and telephone	38,681	45,818
Insurances	31,466	30,881
Bad Debt Written Off	529	0
Computing Costs	4,652	4,195
Sundry other Costs	38,607	35,732
Audit and Accountancy	9,472	11,934
Headteacher Recruitment	<u>34,226</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	<u>887,480</u>	<u>864,911</u>

4 FINANCING COSTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Interest on site purchase loan	608	1,915
Bank charges	2,933	2,809
	<u>3,541</u>	<u>4,724</u>

5 TAXATION

As the school is a registered charity, no provision is required for corporation tax.

6 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020 £	2019 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>3,149</u>	<u>4,673</u>

Alderley Edge School for Girls

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 August 2020

7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Consolidated and School	Freehold land & buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures, fittings & computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 September 2019	7,540,462	335,243	1,323,513	9,199,218
Additions	26,959	44,439	37,172	108,570
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 August 2020	7,567,421	379,682	1,360,685	9,307,788
Depreciation				
As at 1 September 2019	1,415,529	286,284	1,075,849	2,772,662
Charge for the year	149,844	24,603	82,629	257,076
Charge on Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 August 2020	1,565,373	310,887	1,158,478	3,034,738
Net Book Value				
As at 31 August 2020	6,002,048	68,795	202,207	6,273,050
As at 31 August 2019	6,124,933	48,959	247,664	6,421,556

8 AESG DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

AESG Developments Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alderley Edge School for Girls, and whose company number is 05213539. The company is registered in England. AESG Developments Limited runs the school uniform shop at Alderley Edge School for Girls.

Any taxable profit is transferred as gift aid to Alderley Edge School for Girls. Summaries of the trading results and balance sheet are shown below. Accounts will be filed with the Registrar of Companies.

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for the year ended 31 August 2020

i) Profit and Loss account for the period to 31 August 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover	64,604	80,348
Cost of sales	(47,628)	(59,569)
Gross profit	16,976	20,779
Administrative expenses	(13,577)	(12,600)
Operating surplus	3,399	8,179
Gift aid payment to AESG	(8,179)	(3,422)
Retained surplus	(4,780)	4,757

ii) Balance Sheet at 31 August 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Stock	41,931	45,057
Debtors	1,756	2,035
Bank and cash	27,224	11,542
Net current assets	70,911	58,635
Creditors	(63,639)	(46,583)
Net current assets	7,272	12,052
Net assets	7,272	12,052
Share capital	1	1
Retained profits	7,271	12,051
	7,272	12,052

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for the year ended 31 August 2020

9 DEBTORS

	Consolidated		School	
	2020 £	2019 £	2020 £	2019 £
Fee debtors	264,377	146,499	262,621	144,463
Less: Bad debt provision	(27,147)	(39,859)	(27,147)	(39,859)
	<u>237,230</u>	<u>106,640</u>	<u>235,474</u>	<u>104,604</u>
Prepayments and accrued income	143,302	112,432	143,302	112,432
Amounts owed by AESG Developments Limited	-	-	57,323	41,716
	<u>380,532</u>	<u>219,072</u>	<u>436,099</u>	<u>258,752</u>

Amounts owed by AESG Developments Limited are repayable when cash surpluses allow, or on demand. Interest on the balance outstanding is charged at base rate.

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10 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	Consolidated		School	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Trade Creditors	221,043	282,081	218,108	280,378
Accruals and deferred income	84,775	23,710	84,775	23,710
Other creditors	551,577	694,150	548,196	690,986
Other taxes and social security costs	70,136	76,467	70,136	76,467
Amount owed to The Sisters of St Joseph	0	23,246	0	23,246
	<u>927,531</u>	<u>1,099,654</u>	<u>921,215</u>	<u>1,094,787</u>

Deferred Income transactions are as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Deferred Income as at 1 September 2019	8,129	18,240
Released from Prior Year	(8,129)	(18,240)
Deferred in the Year	<u>5,199</u>	<u>8,129</u>
Deferred Income as at 31 August 2020	<u>5,199</u>	<u>8,129</u>

Deferred Income comprises nursery grant income received in advance of the 2020-21 financial year to which it relates.

11 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

Consolidated and School

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts owed to The Sisters of St Joseph	0	0
Accrued interest on amounts owed to The Sisters of St Joseph	0	0
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Amounts due payable by instalments:	2020	2019
	£	£
In less than 1 year	-	23,246
Between 1 and 2 years	-	-
Between 2 to 5 years	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>23,246</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The amount owed to The Sisters of St Joseph was secured by a first legal charge over certain assets of the charity, however this has now been released and deeds returned to AESG.

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Amounts owed to The Sisters of St Joseph were repayable in monthly instalments commencing from November 2003 until October 2019. Interest on amounts outstanding has been charged at 1% pa below base rate, with a minimum of 3%, from November 2003.

12 ALLOCATION OF THE CHARITY NET ASSETS

Consolidated	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Long term liabilities £	Total 2020 £
The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:				
Unrestricted funds (12a)	5,723,053	(88,382)	-	5,634,671
Designated funds (12b)	550,000	-	-	550,000
Restricted funds (12c)	-	190,081	-	190,081
Endowed funds (12d)	-	29,945	-	29,945
	<u>6,273,053</u>	<u>131,644</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,404,697</u>

School	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets £	Long term liabilities £	Total 2020 £
Unrestricted funds (12a)	5,723,052	(95,654)	-	5,627,398
Designated funds (12b)	550,000	-	-	550,000
Restricted funds (12c)	-	190,081	-	190,081
Endowed funds (12d)	-	29,945	-	29,945
	<u>6,273,052</u>	<u>124,372</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,397,424</u>

Consolidated	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Long term liabilities £	Total 2019 £
The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:				
Unrestricted funds (12a)	5,871,556	(75,545)	-	5,796,011
Designated funds (12b)	550,000	-	-	550,000
Restricted funds (12c)	-	153,114	-	153,114
Endowed funds (12d)	-	29,647	-	29,647
	<u>6,421,556</u>	<u>107,216</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,528,772</u>

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12 ALLOCATION OF THE CHARITY NET ASSETS Continued

School	Tangible Fixed Assets	Net Current Assets £	Long term liabilities £	2019 Total £
Unrestricted funds (12a)				
	5,871,556	(87,597)	-	5,783,959
Designated funds (12b)	550,000	-	-	550,000
Restricted funds (12c)	-	153,114	-	153,114
Endowed funds (12d)	-	29,647	-	29,647
	<u>6,421,556</u>	<u>95,164</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,516,720</u>

12a UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Consolidated		School	
	2020 £	2019 £	2020 £	2019 £
Balance brought forward 1 September 2019	5,796,011	5,910,826	5,783,959	5,903,531
Net movement on fund	(161,043)	(114,513)	(156,261)	(119,270)
Transfer to endowed funds	(298)	(302)	(298)	(302)
Balance carried forward 31 August 2020	<u>5,634,670</u>	<u>5,796,011</u>	<u>5,627,400</u>	<u>5,783,959</u>

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12b DESIGNATED FUNDS

Consolidated and School	2020 £	2019 £
Balance brought forward 1 September 2019	550,000	550,000
Transfer to unrestricted funds	-	-
Transfer from unrestricted funds	-	-
Balance carried forward 31 August 2020	550,000	550,000

Funds were initially designated in 2018-19 for sports development and these are now carried forward into the 2019-20 financial year.

12c RESTRICTED FUNDS

Consolidated and School

	At 1 September 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 August 2020 £
P A monies	-	2,436	(2,436)	-	-
Millennium appeal	10,344	-	-	-	10,344
Merger balances	9,404	-	-	-	9,404
Bursary Fund	19,632	-	-	-	19,632
Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Ltd	80,000	-	-	-	80,000
Library Development	33,734	36,966	-	-	70,700
	153,114	39,402	(2,436)	-	190,080
	At 1 September 2018 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 August 2019 £
P A monies	-	11,508	(11,508)	-	-
Millennium appeal	10,344	-	-	-	10,344
Merger balances	9,404	-	-	-	9,404
Bursary Fund	17,444	2,188	-	-	19,632
Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Ltd	80,000	-	-	-	80,000
		33,734	-	-	33,734
	117,192	47,430	(11,508)	-	153,114

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The PA monies are amounts received from the Parents' Association and are for the general purpose of the School.

The Millennium appeal was a fund raising project to raise funds for major capital expenditure.

Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited arises from assets passed over to AESG at the time of the merger. Repayment is only required in the event of the winding up of the school.

The Bursary Fund aims to provide bursary assistance to families who cannot meet the full School fees.

12d ENDOWED FUNDS

Consolidated and School

At 1 September 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 August 2020 £
29,647	-	-	298	29,945
At 1 September 2018 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 August 2019 £
29,345	-	-	302	29,647

These funds represent Endowed Funds previously held by St Hilary's School before its merger with Mount Carmel School and the subsequent formation of Alderley Edge School for Girls.

The permitted use of the income from these funds is in accordance with the wishes of the original donors, being mainly the awarding of prizes and bursaries.

13 OTHER OPERATING CHARGES

At 31 August 2020 the future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Within one year	18,687	18,687
Within two to five years	57,737	57,742
Over five years	663,863	663,863
	<u>740,286</u>	<u>740,292</u>

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14 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Financial assets measured at amortised cost (a)	924,996	979,940
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost (b)	1,117,267	954,327
Net financial assets measured at amortised cost	(192,272)	25,613

The amount of stocks recognised in the SOFA is £47,628 (2019: £59,569)

(a) Financial assets include cash, fee debtors, other debtors and accrued income

(b) Financial liabilities include accruals, amounts due from The Sisters of St Joseph, trade creditors and other creditors

Impairment losses charged to financial assets measured at amortised cost in the year amounted to £1,161

Impairment losses arise from stocks and bad debts being written off.

Bad debts of £529 were written off during the year (2019 £Nil) as these were not deemed to be recoverable.

Stocks of £632, comprising items of School uniform, were written off during the year (2019 £Nil) as either damaged or out of date.

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15 PENSION SCHEMES

Teachers' Pensions

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £492,741 (2019: £367,570) and at the year-end £Nil (2019 - £Nil) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2016 and the Valuation Report, which was published in March 2019, confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 16.4% to 23.6% from 1 September 2019. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 23.68%.

The 31 March 2016 Valuation Report was prepared in accordance with the benefits set out in the scheme regulations and under the approach specified in the Directions, as they applied at 5 March 2019. However, the assumptions were considered and set by the Department for Education prior to the ruling in the 'McCloud/Sargeant case'. This case has required the courts to consider cases regarding the implementation of the 2015 reforms to Public Service Pensions including the Teachers' Pensions.

On 27 June 2019 the Supreme Court denied the government permission to appeal the Court of Appeal's judgment that transitional provisions introduced to the reformed pension schemes in 2015 gave rise to unlawful age discrimination. The government is respecting the Court's decision and has said it will engage fully with the Employment Tribunal as well as employer and member representatives to agree how the discriminations will be remedied.

The TPS is subject to a cost cap mechanism which was put in place to protect taxpayers against unforeseen changes in scheme costs. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, having in 2018 announced that there would be a review of this cost cap mechanism, in January 2019 announced a pause to the cost cap mechanism following the Court of Appeal's ruling in the McCloud/Sargeant case and until there is certainty about the value of pensions to employees from April 2015 onwards.

In view of the above rulings and decisions the assumptions used in the 31 March 2016 Actuarial Valuation may become inappropriate. In this scenario, a valuation prepared in accordance with revised benefits and suitably revised assumptions would yield different results than those contained in the Actuarial Valuation.

Until a remedy to the discrimination conclusion has been determined by the Employment Tribunal it is not possible to conclude on any financial impact or future changes to the contribution rates of the TPS. Accordingly no provision for any additional past benefit pension costs is included in these financial statements.

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The Pensions Trust

Support staff employees of Alderley Edge School for Girls are entitled to membership of a pension scheme, providing they meet the Government's auto-enrolment criteria.

Until October 2018, the School was a member of The Pension Trust Pension Scheme. This is a multi-employer pension plan which in most respects is a money purchase arrangement, although it does include certain guarantee elements as described below.

Contributions paid into the Growth Plan up to and including September 2001 were converted to defined amounts of pension payable from normal retirement dates. From October 2001 contributions were invested in personal funds which have a capital guarantee and which are converted to pension on retirement, either within the Plan or by the purchase of an annuity.

The rules of the Plan give the Trustee the power to require employers to pay additional contributions in order to ensure that the statutory funding objective under the Pensions Act 2004 is met. The statutory funding objective is that a pension scheme should have sufficient assets to meet its past service liabilities, known as Technical Provisions.

The latest formal valuation of the Plan at 30 September 2017. The valuation revealed a shortfall of assets compared with the value of liabilities of £132 million (2104 valuation (177 million), equivalent to a funding level of 86% (2014 valuation 82%) on a Technical Provision valuation basis.

Following advice received from pension consultants, and after discussion with staff, the decision was taken to leave this Scheme. With effect from October 2018, the School established a new Group Personal Pension Scheme with Scottish Widows. Contributions to The Pensions Trust ceased from this point and commenced with Scottish Widows, although staff have the option of maintaining a pension with The Pension Trust or transferring their pension value to Scottish Widows.

Alderley Edge School for Girls paid contributions at the rate of 6% and totaling £45,835 (2019 £44,511) during the accounting period. Members paid contributions at a minimum rate of 3% during the accounting period. As at the balance sheet date there were 40 active members of the Scottish Widows scheme employed by Alderley Edge School for Girls.

Pension costs for both schemes are met from unrestricted funds.

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16 INSURANCE

During the year, the school purchased Governors and Bursars Insurance at a cost of £300 (2019: £300) and £Nil (2019: £ nil) respectively.

17 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Mount Carmel and St Hilary's Schools merged with effect from September 1999 and became Alderley Edge School for Girls. St Hilary's School was part of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited and Mount Carmel was founded by The Sisters of St Joseph. Certain loans have been made to the merged School by these organisations to assist with the merger, as disclosed in notes 10, 11 and 12. These loans, as of October 2020, have been paid in full.

The Sisters of St Joseph nominate a governor to the Board – this is currently Mrs R. Price. Rent of £10,200 per annum is also paid to The Sisters for use of tennis courts at Ryleys Lane. Woodard Schools also nominate a governor to the Board – this is currently Rev. B. Clover.

18 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A legal mortgage of £1m was entered into during the year ended 31 August 2001 in favour of Woodard Schools (Midland Division) Limited. This mortgage is only repayable in the event of the winding up of the School.

19 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 20th March 2020, as instructed by the UK Government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the School closed its site to all pupils, except those of parents who are Key Workers. Following Government guidance, pupils in certain Year Groups were allowed to return to School from June 2020.

The School moved its educational provision online and commenced remote learning for those pupils not on the premises. Staff continued to provide education on site to those pupils attending School.

The School was able to reduce running costs by operating a reduced site. It also accessed the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and furloughed some members of staff. In making these changes, the School was able to make estimated savings of approximately £80,000, which it intends to pass on to parents.

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20 CONSOLIDATED SOFA – COMPARATIVE FIGURES BY FUND TYPE

		Restricted	Endowed	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Note	Funds £	Funds £	Funds £	2019 £	2018 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b	-	-	5,184,097	5,184,097	5,037,132
Other ancillary income	1c	-	-	75,907	75,907	42,170
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a	47,430	-	88,231	135,661	113,516
Other activities			-	45,871	45,871	32,619
Investments						
Investment income	6	-	-	4,673	4,673	5,124
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		47,430	-	5,398,779	5,446,209	5,230,561
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Trading costs of the subsidiary	8	-	-	72,169	72,169	78,193
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	15,875	15,875	14,836
Financing costs	4	-	-	4,724	4,724	9,507
	3	-	-	92,768	92,768	102,536
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs		11,508	-	3,591,658	3,603,166	3,632,642
Welfare		-	-	440,748	440,748	393,884
Premises		-	-	523,207	523,207	516,652
Support and governance		-	-	864,911	864,911	802,208
	3	11,508	-	5,420,524	5,432,032	5,345,386
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		11,508	-	5,513,292	5,524,800	5,447,922
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		35,922	-	(114,513)	(78,591)	(217,361)
Transfers between funds		-	302	(302)	-	-
Fund balances						
At 1 September 2018		117,192	29,345	6,460,826	6,607,363	6,824,724
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2019		153,114	29,647	6,346,011	6,528,772	6,607,363

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20 COMPANY SOFA – COMPARATIVE FIGURES BY FUND TYPE

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Charitable activities						
School fees	1b	-	-	5,184,097	5,184,097	5,037,132
Other ancillary income	1c	-	-	75,907	75,907	42,170
Other trading activities						
Activities for generating funds	1a	47,430	-	7,883	55,313	31,901
Other activities		-	-	49,293	49,293	32,619
Investments						
Investment income	6	-	-	4,673	4,673	5,124
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>47,430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,321,853</u>	<u>5,369,283</u>	<u>5,148,946</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Raising funds						
Fundraising costs		-	-	15,875	15,875	14,836
Financing costs	4	-	-	4,724	4,724	9,507
	3	-	-	20,599	20,599	24,343
Charitable activities – School operating costs						
Teaching costs		11,508	-	3,591,658	3,603,166	3,632,642
Welfare		-	-	440,748	440,748	393,884
Premises		-	-	523,207	523,207	516,652
Support and governance		-	-	864,911	864,911	802,208
	3	<u>11,508</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,420,524</u>	<u>5,432,032</u>	<u>5,345,386</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>11,508</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,441,123</u>	<u>5,452,631</u>	<u>5,369,729</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>35,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(119,270)</u>	<u>(83,348)</u>	<u>(220,783)</u>
Transfers between funds		2,188	302	(302)	-	-
At 1 September 2018		<u>117,192</u>	<u>29,345</u>	<u>6,453,531</u>	<u>6,600,068</u>	<u>6,820,851</u>
FUND BALANCES						
AT 31 AUGUST 2019		<u>153,114</u>	<u>29,647</u>	<u>6,333,959</u>	<u>6,516,720</u>	<u>6,600,068</u>